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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 126, SEVENTY-FIRST CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the proceedings of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall, with accompanying illustrations, be printed annually as separate House documents of the session of Congress to which they may be submitted.

SEC. 2. That section 2, chapter 277, volume 43, page 473, of the Revised Statutes, approved June 6, 1924, be, and is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 2, 1931.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., August 20, 1941.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 126, Seventy-second Congress, approved March 2, 1931, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Proceedings of the Seventy-fourth National Encampment, held at Springfield, Ill., September 8-13, 1940, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

THOMAS AMBROSE,
Past Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP, SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Seventy-fourth National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 388. Deducting previously reported, 112, the net voting strength is 276.

National officers, past national officers, and departments	De- part- ment offi- cers	Repre- senta- tives	Past depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past senior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past junior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Total	De- duct pre- viously re- ported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote.....						10		10
National council of adminis- tration.....						38		38
Past commanders in chief.....						4	1	3
Past senior vice commanders in chief.....						2	1	1
Past junior vice commanders in chief.....						6	4	2
Past surgeon-general.....						1	1	0
Past chaplain in chief.....						1		1
Past adjutants-general.....						3	1	2
Past quartermaster-general.....								
Alabama.....	2		1			3	2	1
Arkansas.....	2		1			3	2	1
California and Nevada.....	4	4	10		3	21	4	17
Colorado and Wyoming.....	4	1	4			9	3	6
Connecticut.....	4	1	5			10	3	7
Delaware.....	4	1	2			7	3	4
Florida.....	4	1	5		1	11	3	8
Idaho.....	4		4			8	3	5
Illinois.....	4	3	2		4	13	3	10
Indiana.....	4	2	1	2	3	12	2	10
Iowa.....	4	3	3			10	3	7
Kansas.....	4	1	5			10	3	7
Kentucky.....	3		2			5	4	1
Maine.....	4	2	6			12	3	9
Maryland.....	2					2		2
Massachusetts.....	4	2	5			11	2	9
Michigan.....	4	2	4	1	1	12	4	8
Minnesota.....	4	2	2	2	2	12	3	9
Missouri.....	4	1	5		2	12	3	9
Nebraska.....	4	2	6			12	3	9
New Hampshire.....	4	1	2			7	3	4
New Jersey.....	4	1	1			6	2	4
New York.....	4	3	4		4	15	4	11
North Dakota.....	2		2			4	4	0
Ohio.....	4	2	3		3	12	1	11
Oklahoma.....	4	1	1			6	2	4
Oregon.....	4	1	2			7	3	4
Pennsylvania.....	4	2	3	1		10	5	5

SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

National officers, past national officers, and departments	De- part- ment offi- cers	Repre- senta- tives	Past depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past senior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past junior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Total	De- duct pre- viously re- ported	Net voting strength
Potomac.....	2	-----	2	-----	-----	4	3	1
Rhode Island.....	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	3	-----	3
South Dakota.....	4	1	2	-----	-----	7	3	4
Texas.....	4	1	2	-----	-----	7	3	4
Utah.....	1	-----	1	-----	-----	2	2	0
Vermont.....	3	-----	2	-----	-----	5	3	2
Virginia and North Carolina.....	2	-----	2	-----	-----	4	3	1
Washington and Alaska.....	4	2	4	-----	-----	10	2	8
West Virginia.....	4	1	2	-----	-----	7	3	4
Wisconsin.....	4	2	2	-----	1	9	2	7
Members at large.....	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	3	-----	3
Total.....	137	46	110	6	24	388	112	276

ROLL OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1940

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in Chief

A. T. ANDERSON,¹ Washington, Pa.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief

W. W. NIXON,¹ Jewell, Kans.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief

WILLIAM H. MCCOY,¹ Trenton, N. J.

Surgeon General

DR. EDWARD H. COWAN,¹ Crawfordsville, Ind.

Chaplain in Chief

REV. JOSHUA C. PEARCE,¹ Denver, Colo.

Adjutant General

THOMAS AMBROSE,¹ Chicago, Ill.

Quartermaster General

M. H. DAVIDSON,² Louisville, Ky.

Judge Advocate General

T. J. NOLL,¹ Des Moines, Iowa

Inspector General

O. S. PIERCE,¹ Minneapolis, Minn.

National Patriotic Instructor

DR. JOHN H. STONE,¹ Kokomo, Ind

Assistant Adjutant General

J. S. DUMSER,^{1 3} Oakland, Calif.

Chief of Staff

JOHN W. FOGLE,^{1 4} Skowhegan, Maine

Senior Aide de Camp

W. P. BRYANT,^{1 5} Milwaukee, Wis.

¹ Present.

² Died September 6, 1940.

³ Entitled to vote as assistant adjutant general of California and Nevada.

⁴ Entitled to vote as junior vice department commander of Maine.

⁵ Entitled to vote as assistant adjutant general of Wisconsin.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama : Alfred N. Oliver, Birmingham, Ala.
Arkansas : J. M. Bryant, Little Rock, Ark.
California and Nevada : Russell C. Martin,¹ Los Angeles, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming : Lewis H. Easterly,¹ Gunnison, Colo.
Connecticut : Truman N. Parsons,¹ Stratford, Conn.
Delaware : Thomas Hammonds, Cheswold, Del.
Florida : C. J. Rose,¹ Miami, Fla.
Idaho : Albert G. Jones,¹ Boise, Idaho.
Illinois : Milton Myers, Park Ridge, Ill.
Indiana : Joseph B. Henninger, Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa : T. J. Noll,¹ Des Moines, Iowa.
Kansas : A. O. Gere,¹ Stafford, Kans.
Kentucky : R. R. Graham,¹ Madisonville, Ky.
Maine : John W. Fogler,¹ Skowhegan, Maine.
Maryland :
Massachusetts : George W. Green,¹ Boston, Mass.
Michigan : Martin J. Warner,¹ Grand Rapids, Mich.
Minnesota : W. C. Fisher, St. Paul, Minn.
Missouri : C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo.
Nebraska : A. F. Rexroad,¹ Omaha, Nebr.
New Hampshire : Lyman E. Butterfield,¹ Manchester, N. H.
New Jersey : William H. McCoy,¹ Trenton, N. J.
New York : Thomas H. Stritch,¹ Brooklyn, N. Y.
North Dakota : D. G. Duell,¹ Devils Lake, N. Dak.
Ohio : Byron W. Joslin,¹ Sidney, Ohio.
Oklahoma : G. I. Gordon,¹ Oklahoma, City, Okla.
Oregon : T. A. Penland,¹ Portland, Oreg.
Pennsylvania : A. W. Gabrio,¹ Hazleton, Pa.
Potomac : William F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island :
South Dakota : Levi Van Voorhis,¹ Huron, S. Dak.
Texas : John Shearer,¹ Houston, Texas.
Utah : Ira Stormes,¹ Salt Lake City, Utah.
Vermont : Charles Heyer, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Virginia and North Carolina : Charles Grandy,¹ Norfolk, Va.
Washington and Alaska : D. A. Reams, Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia : A. T. McMurray, Washington, W. Va.
Wisconsin : W. P. Bryant,¹ Milwaukee, Wis.

¹ Present.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson, ² (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlburt, ² Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, ² Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, ² Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, ² Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, ² Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John O. Robinson, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1880
George S. Merrill, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1924)	1883
John S. Kountz, ² Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, ² Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, ² Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazy, ² Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1892
John G. B. Adams, ² Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, ² Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, ² Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, ² Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, ² New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, ² Missouri (died June 1, 1929)	1900
Ell Torrance, ² Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932)	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black, ² Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, ² Massachusetts (died in office, July 16, 1905)	1904
John R. King, ² Maryland (died Mar. 3, 1934)	1905
James Tanner, ² New York (died Oct. 2, 1927)	1905
Robert B. Brown, ² Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, ² Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926)	1907
Henry N. Nevius, ² New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² Minnesota (died Oct. 3, 1936)	1909
John E. Gilman, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921)	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, ² Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1912
Washington Gardner, ² Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928)	1913
David J. Palmer, ² Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928)	1914
Elias A. Monfort, ² Ohio (died July 29, 1920)	1915
W. J. Patterson, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926)	1916
Orlando A. Somers, ² Indiana (died June 9, 1921)	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, ² Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924)	1918
James D. Bell, ² New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919)	1919
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (died Oct. 19, 1925)	1919
William A. Ketcham, ² Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921)	1920
Lewis S. Pilcher, ² New York (died Dec. 24, 1934)	1921

² Deceased

James W. Willett, ² Iowa (died May 13, 1940)-----	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930)-----	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 20, 1934)-----	1924
John B. Inman, ² Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929)-----	1925
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, ² California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930)-----	1927
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1928
Edwin J. Foster, ² Massachusetts (died Sept. 11, 1939)-----	1929
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado (died Nov. 8, 1939)-----	1930
Samuel P. Town, ² Pennsylvania (died July 9, 1937)-----	1931
William P. Wright, ² (died in office, June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 4} Los Angeles, Calif. (promoted June 15, 1933)-----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 4} Los Angeles, Calif. (elected Sept. 21, 1933)-----	1933
Alfred E. Stacey, ² New York (died Mar. 9, 1940)-----	1934
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1935
C. H. William Ruhe, Pittsburgh, Pa-----	1936
Overton H. Mennett, Los Angeles, Calif-----	1937
Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y-----	1938
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (died in office June 30, 1940)-----	1939

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, ² New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)-----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)-----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)-----	1869-70
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, ² New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)-----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)-----	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)-----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)-----	1878
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)-----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, ² Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)-----	1880
Charles L. Young, ² Ohio (died September, 1913)-----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, ² Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)-----	1882
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)-----	1883
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)-----	1884
Selden Connor, ² Maine (died July 9, 1917)-----	1885
S. W. Backus, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930)-----	1886
Nelson Cole, ² Missouri (died July 31, 1899)-----	1887
Moses H. Neil, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1929)-----	1888
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)-----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, Massachusetts (died in office, Nov. 22, 1890)-----	1890
George H. Innis, ² Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907) --	1891
Henry W. Duffield, ² Michigan (died July 13, 1912)-----	1891
R. H. Warfield, ² California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)-----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)-----	1893
A. P. Buchfield, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)-----	1894
E. H. Hobson, ² Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)-----	1895
John H. Mullen, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)-----	1896
Alfred Lyth, ² New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)-----	1897
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)-----	1898
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)-----	1899
Irvin Robbins, ² Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911)-----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, ² Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)-----	1900
John McElroy, ² Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929)-----	1901
William M. Olin, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)-----	1902
C. Mason Kinne, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)-----	1903
John R. King, ² Maryland (promoted commander in chief July 17, 1905; died March 3, 1934)-----	1904
George W. Patten, ² Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905
George W. Cook, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William A. Armstrong, ² Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, ² New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)-----	1908

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

William M. Bostaph, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 8, 1935)-----	1909
Charles Burrows, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 17, 1935)-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, ² New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, ² California and Nevada (died March, 1923)-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, ² Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, ² Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, ² Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)---	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, ² Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929)-----	1915
William H. Wormstead, ² Massachusetts (died Aug. 16, 1938)-----	1916
John L. Clem, ² Potomac (died May 13, 1937)-----	1917
John G. Chambers, ³ Oregon-----	1918
Charles B. Wilson, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 1, 1928)-----	1919
George A. Hosley, ² Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ² Indiana (died May 15, 1926)-----	1921
C. S. Brodbent, ² Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931)-----	1922
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930)-----	1924
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1925
A. G. Beatty, ² Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)-----	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, ² New York (died Jan. 12, 1936)-----	1926
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado (died Nov. 11, 1939)-----	1928
Charles E. Nason, ² Maine (died Sept. 15, 1932)-----	1929
Jacob Secrest, ² Ohio (died Nov. 26, 1935)-----	1930
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1931
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 4} Los Angeles, Calif. (commander in chief June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Charles E. Jones, ² Alabama (promoted June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)---	1933
Thomas H. Peacock, ² Minnesota (died in office Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (promoted Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1934
Harding I. Merrill, ² Kansas (died June 22, 1937)-----	1934
A. C. Estabrook, Grand Rapids, ¹ Mich-----	1935
Henry F. Russell, ² Ohio (died Dec. 3, 1937)-----	1936
Henry Held, ² Wisconsin (died Aug. 6, 1939)-----	1937
Frank L. Quade, Keokuk, Iowa-----	1938
A. T. Anderson, ^{1 5} Washington, Pa. (commander in chief, June 30, 1940)-----	1939

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, ² Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)-----	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)-----	1866-69
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1870
James Coey, ² California (died July 14, 1918)-----	1871
J. Warren Keifer, ² Ohio (died Apr. 22, 1933)-----	1871-72
Edgar Ferguson, ² Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)-----	1873
Guy T. Gould, ² Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)-----	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, ² Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)-----	1875-76
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)-----	1877
Herbert E. Hill, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)-----	1878
Harrison Dingman, ² Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)-----	1879
George Bowers, ² New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)-----	1880
C. V. R. Pond, ² Michigan (died June 9, 1912)-----	1881
I. S. Bangs, ² Maine (died May 30, 1903)-----	1882
Walter H. Holmes, ² California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889)-----	1883
Ira E. Hicks, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)-----	1884
John R. Lewis, ² Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)-----	1885
Edgar Allen, ² Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)-----	1886
John C. Linehan, ² New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)-----	1887
Joseph Hadfield, ² New York-----	1888
John F. Lovett, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 27, 1926)-----	1889
George B. Creamer, ² Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)-----	1890
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)-----	1891
Peter B. Ayars, ² Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)-----	1892
J. C. Bigger, ² Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)-----	1893
Charles H. Shute, ² Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)-----	1894

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Commander in chief.

S. G. Cosgrove, ² Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)-----	1895.
Charles W. Buckley, ² Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)-----	1896
Francis B. Allen, ² Connecticut (died July 26, 1921)-----	1897
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)---	1898
Michael Minton, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)-----	1899
Frank Seaman, ² Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)-----	1900
James O'Donnell, ² Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)-----	1901
James P. Averill, ² Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)-----	1902
Harry C. Kessler, ² Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)-----	1903
George N. Patton, ² Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1904
Ephriam B. Stillings, ² Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)-----	1905.
Silas H. Towler, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930)-----	1905
E. B. Fenton, ² Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)-----	1906
William M. Scott, ² Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)-----	1907
Charles C. Royce, ² Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)-----	1908
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)-----	1909
William James, ² Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)-----	1910
William A. Ogden, ² Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)-----	1911
Americus Whedon, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)-----	1912
A. S. Fowler, ² Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)-----	1913
W. F. Conner, ² Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)----	1914
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (elected Apr. 1, 1915; died Apr. 26, 1933)----	1915
Le Vant Dodge, ² Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)-----	1915
E. K. Russ, ³ Louisiana-----	1916
John M. Vernon, ² Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)-----	1917
Charles H. Haber, ² Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)-----	1918
Isidore Isaacs, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)-----	1919
J. E. Gandy, ² Washington and Alaska (died June 5, 1934)-----	1920
Henry A. Johnson, ² Potomac (died Dec. 5, 1935)-----	1921
C. V. Gardner, ² South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930)-----	1922
George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md-----	1923
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1924
William O. Allen, ² New Jersey (died Sept. 22, 1931)-----	1925
Charles H. Haskins, ² California and Nevada (died Oct. 16, 1933)-----	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, St. Paul, Minn-----	1927
Henry J. Kearney, ² New York (died Apr. 30, 1933)-----	1928
James W. Shields, ² Idaho (died Dec. 17, 1933)-----	1929
Charles H. Lewis, ² Rhode Island (died May 23, 1938)-----	1930
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 4} Los Angeles, Calif-----	1931
Charles E. Jones ² (senior vice, June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1932
Arthur Dawson, ² Illinois (elected Sept. 18, 1933; died Apr. 7, 1940)----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (senior vice, Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1933
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (elected Apr. 27, 1934; died June 30, 1940)---	1934
George H. Pounder, ^{1 2} Wisconsin (died Dec. 10, 1936)-----	1934
Overton H. Mennet, ^{1 7} Los Angeles, Calif-----	1935
Thomas Ambrose, ^{1 5} Chicago, Ill-----	1936
Robert M. Rownd, ¹ Ripley, N. Y-----	1937
John W. Carroll, ¹ Lisbon, N. Dak-----	1938

PAST SURGEON GENERAL (LIVING)

Dr. Charles W. Burrill,⁴ Kansas City, Mo----- 1920, 1923, 1926;

PAST CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF (LIVING)

Rev. George B. Smith, St. Paul, Minn----- 1921

PAST ADJUTANTS GENERAL (LIVING)

Darwin B. Wolcott, Los Angeles, Calif----- 1933
 George Sands, Pittsburgh, Pa----- 1937, 1939
 Russell C. Martin,^{1 4} Los Angeles, Calif----- 1937

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Adjutant general.⁷ Past commander in chief.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ALABAMA (42)

[Organized June 26, 1876 ; reorganized March 12, 1899. Membership, December 31, 1939, 2. Posts, 2]

Department commander----- ALFRED N. OLIVER,⁴ Birmingham.
Assistant adjutant general----- LEWIS HERMAN, New Orleans.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornelius Cadle, ² 1868-70.	Henry M. Austin, ² 1910.
Datus E. Coon, ² 1871.	Charles C. Chapin, ² 1911.
George H. Patrick, ² 1871-80.	W. H. Brooks, ² 1912.
F. G. Sheppard, ² 1889.	Joseph Greenwood, ² 1913.
Seymour Bullock, ² 1890.	Anson B. Culver, ² 1914.
A. B. Hayes, ² 1891.	Charles A. Mange, ² 1915.
William Snyder, ² 1892.	J. J. Powers, ² 1916.
J. Clyde Millar, ² 1893 (see California and Nevada).	E. F. Quinn, ² 1917.
Charles W. Buckley, ² 1894.	Isaac W. Higgs, ² 1918.
Manoah Bostick, ² 1896.	A. W. Fulghum, ² 1919.
George Wollenhaupt, ² 1896.	John A. Barr, ² 1920.
W. H. Black, ² 1897.	James Ashworth, ² 1921.
A. G. Bethard, ² 1898.	Chester K. Roe, ² 1922.
A. P. Stone, ² 1899.	George Hoenig, ² 1923.
George B. Randolph, ² 1900.	Henry F. Dodd, ² 1924.
George F. Jackson, ² 1901.	Frank McCloud, ² 1925.
E. D. Bacon, ² 1902	W. W. Clapp, ² 1926.
R. H. Allison, ² 1903.	Littleton W. Williams, ² 1927.
Henry Chairsell, ² 1904.	William Rife, ² 1928-29.
A. G. Negley, ² 1905.	Lyman C. Redfield, ² 1930.
A. N. Ballard, ² 1906.	Charles E. Jones, ² 1931-33 (died in office).
W. M. Campbell, ² 1907.	Frank McCloud, ² 1933-34.
Charles E. Peck, ² 1908 (died in office).	Thomas Barr, ² 1935.
C. A. Cook, ² 1908.	Samuel A. Wilson, ² 1936.
Thomas R. Gockel, ² 1909.	Alfred N. Oliver, ⁴ Birmingham, 1937-39.

ARKANSAS (31)

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1939, 2. Posts, 1]

Department commander----- J. M. BRYANT,⁴ Little Rock.
Assistant adjutant general----- ALONZO TODD, Little Rock.

² Deceased.
⁴ National council of administration.

ARKANSAS (31)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler, ² 1883-84.	A. Y. Killingsworth, ² 1909.
C. B. Barnes, ² 1885.	J. M. McClintock, ² 1910.
C. C. Waters, ² 1886.	R. J. Maxson, ² 1911.
Thomas Boles, ² 1887.	F. W. Tucker, ² 1912.
S. K. Robinson, ² 1888.	A. S. Fowler, ² 1913-14.
A. S. Fowler, ² 1889-90.	Charles C. Warner, ² 1915.
W. H. H. Clayton, ² 1891.	H. F. Wallace, ² 1916 (see California and Nevada).
Powell Clayton, ² 1892.	O. J. Kyler, ² 1917.
Logan H. Root, ² 1893.	Horace Wyman, ² 1918.
Thomas H. Barnes, ² 1893-94.	Samuel Henderson, ² 1919.
William C. Roberts, ² 1895.	Jacob E. Leas, ² 1920.
O. H. Spellman, ² 1896.	George W. Clark, ² 1921.
A. H. Soekland, ² 1897.	C. H. Parish, ² 1922.
W. G. Gray, ² 1898.	George W. Clark, ² 1923.
George W. Clark, ² 1899.	Orin Parker, ² 1924.
A. L. Thompson, ² 1900.	M. C. Stouteagle, ² 1925.
W. G. Akers, ² 1901.	John Q. Hays, ² 1926-27.
J. H. Avery, ² 1902-03.	Samuel Henderson, ² 1928-33 (died in office).
Edward T. Wolfe, ² 1904.	W. B. Brown, ² 1934-37 (died in office).
W. S. Bartholomew, ² 1905.	S. H. Blackmer, ² 1937 (died in office).
John W. Lane, ² 1906.	J. M. Bryant, ⁴ Little Rock, 1938-39.
Cos Altenburg, ² 1907.	
Charles E. Newman, ² 1908.	

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

[Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1939, 138. Posts, 32]

Department commander-----	CALVIN H. BLANCHARD, ¹ Oakland.
Senior vice department commander-----	ELISHA AMES, West Los Angeles.
Junior vice department commander-----	THOMAS P. EAST, ¹ Long Beach.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. S. DUMSER, ¹ Oakland.

REPRESENTATIVES

John W. Smith,¹ Santa Cruz.
Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach.
Oliver H. Castle,¹ Los Angeles.
E. R. Somers, Beverly Hills.

ALTERNATE

Eugene Merrick,¹ Los Angeles, Calif.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John E. Miller ² (provisional), 1867.	George E. Gard, ² 1889.
James Coey, ² 1868-69.	A. J. Buckles, ² 1890.
W. L. Campbell, ² 1870.	W. H. L. Barnes, ² 1891.
W. E. McArthur, ² 1871-72.	J. B. Fuller, ² 1892.
W. H. Aiken, ² 1873-74.	E. C. Seymour, ² 1893.
A. Carlson, ² 1875.	J. M. Walling, ² 1894.
A. C. Bagley, ² 1876.	C. E. Wilson, ² 1895.
S. W. Backus, ² 1877.	T. C. Masteller, ³ 1896.
S. P. Ford, ² 1878-79.	N. P. Chipman, ² 1897.
C. Mason Kinne, ² 1880-81.	Sol Cahen, ² 1898.
W. A. Robinson, ² 1882.	A. F. Dill, ² 1899.
J. W. Staples, ² 1883.	George M. Mott, ² 1900.
James M. Davis, ² 1884.	George Stone, ² 1901.
R. H. Warfield, ² 1885.	W. G. Hawley, ² 1902.
W. R. Smedburg, ² 1886.	William R. Shafter, ² 1903.
E. S. Salomon, ² 1887.	Charles T. Rice, ² 1904.
T. H. Goodman, ² 1888.	W. W. Russell, ² 1905.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.
⁴ National council of administration

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)—Continued

William C. Alberger, ² 1906.	James R. Milner, ² 1923.
William G. Waters, ² 1907.	George W. Grannis, ² 1924.
Samuel Merrill, ² 1908.	C. S. Stoddard, ² 1925.
W. S. Daubenspeck, ² 1909.	Peter H. Mass, ² 1926.
E. L. Hawk, ² 1910.	W. A. Packard, ² 1927.
H. V. Parker, ² 1911.	H. H. Woodruff, ² 1928.
W. R. Thomas, ² 1912.	Darwin B. Wolcott, ⁵ Los Angeles, 1929.
G. M. Stormont, ² 1913.	John C. Chapman, ² 1930.
B. B. Tuttle, ² 1914.	A. E. Vest, San Diego, 1931.
Hiram P. Thompson, ² 1915.	J. S. Dumser, ^{1 7} Oakland, 1932.
A. E. Leavitt, ² 1916.	O. H. Menet, ^{1 6} Los Angeles, 1933.
C. H. Haskins, ² 1917.	Wm. M. Bostaph, ² 1934 (died in office).
John H. Roberts, ² 1918.	George N. Lockwood, Los Angeles, 1935.
R. C. Martin, ^{1 4} Los Angeles, 1919.	S. R. Yoho, San Francisco, 1936.
George D. Kellogg, ² 1920 (died in office).	John W. Grimes, ¹ Long Beach, 1937.
G. M. Burlingame, ² 1920.	F. R. Young, ² 1938.
William H. Noll, ² 1921.	Robert C. Blair, Los Angeles, 1939.
S. W. Hopkins, ² 1922.	

J. Clyde Millar,² 1893, transferred from Alabama.
George Hoxworth,² 1897, transferred from Arizona.
James P. Rhodes,² 1920, transferred from Arizona.
D. P. Kyle,² 1921, transferred from Arizona.
H. F. Wallace,² 1916, transferred from Arkansas.
U. S. Hollister,² 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
R. H. Mellette,² 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
P. Q. Stoner,² 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
Silas Wilson,² 1919, transferred from Idaho.
Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877, transferred from Illinois.
John J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.
O. H. Coulter,² 1899, transferred from Kansas.
Perry H. Manchester,² 1900, transferred from Montana.
A. V. Cole,² 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
John W. Edwards,² 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
H. B. Steward,² 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from New York.
William A. Bentley,² 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
J. P. Cummings,² 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
James E. Burns,² 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. H. Hornaday,² 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. S. Tilton,² 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
M. V. Lucas,² 1884–1886, transferred from South Dakota.
E. T. Langley,² 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
Philip Lawrence,² 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
M. A. Breeden,² 1900, transferred from Utah.
William M. Bostaph,² 1902, transferred from Utah.
Frank M. Davis,² 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
John J. See,² 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
O. D. McDonald,² 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
A. H. DeGroff,² 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Mingay, Tujunga, 1933.
William F. Hoch, Pasadena, 1937.

David Ballenger, Pomona, 1939.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Past adjutant general.

⁶ Past commander in chief.

⁷ Assistant adjutant general.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1939, 9. Posts, 3]

Department commander----- LEWIS H. EASTERLY,^{1 4} Gunnison.
Senior vice department commander----- GEORGE METZ, Fort Collins.
Junior vice department commander----- J. B. SMITH, Canon City.
Assistant adjutant general----- ROBERT F. BRYAN,¹ Boulder.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft,² 1876.
 Andrew W. Taylor,² 1878-79.
 John W. Donnellan,² 1880-82.
 Eugene K. Stimson,² 1882-83.
 Byron L. Carr,² 1884.
 Aninman V. Bohn,² 1885.
 Henry Bowman,² 1886.
 George Ady,² 1887.
 John W. Browning,² 1888.
 Thomas J. Fisher,² 1889.
 Delos L. Holden,² 1890.
 George W. Cook,² 1891.
 John C. Kennedy,² 1892.
 Myron W. Reed,² 1893.
 Nathaniel Rollins,² 1894.
 Nichols J. O'Brien,² 1895.
 Horace O. Dodge,² 1896.
 U. S. Hollister,² 1897. (See California and Nevada.)
 William T. S. May,² 1898.
 Andrew Royal,² 1899.
 Harper M. Orahod,² 1900.
 Linus E. Sherman,² 1901.
 James W. Huff,² 1902.
 Harrison S. Vaughn,² 1903.
 Thomas J. Downen,² 1904.
 George W. Curfman,² 1905.
 Loren C. Dana,² 1906.
 Richard H. Mellette,² 1907. (See California and Nevada.)
 Henry C. Watson,² 1908.
 John W. Wingate,² 1909.

William W. Ferguson,² 1910 (died in office).
 William H. McDonald,² 1910.
 Dexter T. Sapp,² 1911.
 Henry M. Minor,² 1912.
 Cyrus A. Brooks,² 1913.
 O. S. Reed,² 1914.
 Frank O. Burdick,² 1915.
 James Moynahan,² 1916.
 James H. Comstock,² 1917.
 Asa Curl,² 1918.
 Carroll M. Bills,² 1919.
 Marshall S. Crawford,² 1920.
 James E. Jewel,² 1921.
 Samuel J. Capps,² 1922 (died in office).
 A. W. Hogle,² 1922.
 William Butler,² 1923.
 J. C. Plank,² 1924.
 J. L. Randall,² 1925.
 W. M. Robertson,² 1926.
 J. E. Laycock, Manitou, 1927.
 C. Ricketts,² 1928.
 W. E. Moses,² 1929 (died in office).
 R. Q. Tenney,² 1929.
 David N. Heiser,² 1930.
 E. C. Condit,² 1931.
 Alba J. Rawson,² 1932-1933.
 Chas. H. Pridmore,¹ Denver, 1934.
 Tobias Mattox,² 1935.
 R. H. Hoffman,² 1936.
 Joshua C. Pearce,^{1 5} Denver, 1937.
 Lewis H. Easterly,^{1 4} Gunnison, 1938-39.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Chaplain in chief.

CONNECTICUT (6)

[Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1939, 21. Posts, 11]

Department commander----- NATHAN COE, Newington.
Senior vice department commander----- ANDREW MCGREGOR, Hamden.
Junior vice department commander----- HIRAM DAVIS, Ridgefield.
Assistant adjutant general----- EDWARD T. ABBOTT, Bridgeport.

REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph Rockwell, Danbury.

ALTERNATE

Andrew DeDan, Manchester.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland, ² 1867.	Charles A. Appel, ² 1907.
Theodore G. Ellis, ² 1868-69.	Edward Griswold, ² 1908.
William A. Mallory, ² 1870-71.	George Haven, ² 1909.
L. A. Dickinson, ² 1872-73.	Edson S. Bishop, ⁵ 1910.
Charles S. Buckbee, ² 1874-75.	Richard J. Cutbill, ² 1911.
William E. Disbrow, ² 1876-77.	William H. Dougal, ² 1912.
Frank G. Otis, ² 1878.	James R. Sloane, ² 1913.
Frank E. Fowler, ² 1878-79.	Fred V. Streeter, ² 1914.
George S. Smith, ² 1880.	Charles Griswold, ² 1915.
Alfred B. Beers, ² 1881.	Henry J. Seeley, ² 1916.
Ira E. Hicks, ² 1882.	Benjamin H. Cheney, ² 1917.
Isaac C. Hyatt, ² 1883.	Christian Quien, ² 1918.
William Berry, ² 1884.	George T. Meech, ² 1919.
Frank D. Sloat, ² 1885.	Randolph Williamson, ² 1920.
John T. Crary, ² 1886.	Christian Swartz, ² 1921.
Henry E. Taintor, ² 1887.	Orrin M. Price, ² 1922.
Samuel B. Horne, ² 1888.	John L. Saxe, ² 1923.
William H. Pierpont, ² 1889.	Ira R. Wildman, ² 1924.
John C. Broatch, ² 1890.	James W. Davis, ² 1925.
Henry N. Fanton, ² 1891.	James R. Young, ² 1926.
Benajah P. Smith, ² 1892.	Charles M. Shailer, ² 1927.
Wilbur F. Rogers, ² 1893.	George A. Tucker, ² 1928.
Selah G. Blakeman, ² 1894.	James Haggerty, ² 1929.
John M. Brewer, ² 1895.	Frank A. Cargill, ² 1930.
Oscar W. Cornish, ² 1896.	Henry W. Burrill, ² 1931.
Gustav D. Bates, ² 1897.	Lewis L. Baker, ² 1932.
William Simonds, ² 1898.	Edward T. Abbott, ⁷ Bridgeport, 1933.
Henry R. Jones, ² 1899.	Lyman H. Call, ² 1934.
John K. Bucklyn, ² 1900.	Casper D. Wallace, ² 1935.
Thomas Boudren, ² 1901.	Edward A. Pinkney, ² 1936 (died in office).
N. Burton Rogers, ² 1902.	Russell Van Deusen, Bridgeport, 1936.
Morgan G. Bulkeley, ² 1903.	Charles Douglas, ¹ New Haven, 1937.
William C. Hilliard, ² 1904.	Truman N. Parsons, ^{1 4} Stratford, 1938.
Albert A. May, ² 1905.	Nathan Coe, ⁶ Newington, 1939.
Virgil F. McNeil, ² 1906.	

¹ Present.² Deceased⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Not a member of the order.⁶ Department commander.⁷ Assistant adjutant general.

DELAWARE (23)

[Organized January 14, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1939, 15. Posts, 4]

Department commander----- GEORGE W. BAKER, Sr., Wilmington.
Senior vice department commander----- HENRY BANZETT, Dover.
Junior vice department commander----- JOSEPH T. BERRY, Milford.
Assistant adjutant general----- THOMAS HAMMONDS,⁴ Cheswold.

REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Joseph M. Showalter, Oxford.	Spencer Jones, Federalsburg, Md.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair, ² 1881.	Jesse K. Baylis, ² 1912.
John Wainwright, ² 1882.	J. R. Armstrong, ² 1913.
Daniel Ross, ² 1883.	J. T. Rheims, ² 1914.
C. M. Carey, ² 1884.	John P. Riley, ² 1915.
J. S. Litzenberg, ² 1885.	S. Sherwood Johnson, ² 1916.
J. M. Dunn, ² 1886.	J. T. Alexander, ² 1917.
J. E. Mowbrey, ² 1887.	Orrin J. Cook, ² 1918.
R. G. Buckingham, ² 1888.	R. Harry Williams, ² 1919.
Peter B. Ayars, ² 1889.	C. A. W. Frishmuth, ² 1920.
Samuel Lewis, ² 1890.	William A. Truitt, ² 1921.
A. J. Woodman, ² 1891.	Charles Zerby, ² 1922.
G. W. Stradley, ² 1892.	Nathaniel L. Henderson, ² 1923.
B. D. Bogia, ² 1893.	Charles R. Lewis, ² 1924.
J. E. Vantine, ² 1894.	William H. Middleton, ² 1925.
E. F. Wood, ² 1895.	R. G. Buckingham, ² 1926.
William B. Norton, ² 1896.	William Buckius, ² 1927.
J. S. Bradley, ² 1897.	Charles S. Waters, ² 1928.
Robert Liddell, ² 1898.	James T. Twigg, ² 1929.
William H. Moystin, ² 1899.	James Lynn, ² 1930.
William A. Reilly, ² 1900.	Moses Weil, ² 1931 (died in office).
John W. Worall, ² 1901.	James Lynn, ² 1931.
John C. Garner, ² 1902.	James T. Twigg, ² 1932.
William G. Baugh, Sr., ² 1903.	George W. Weldin, ² 1933.
William Kelley, Jr., ² 1904.	W. Harry Patterson, ² 1934.
William Tharp, ² 1905.	Lewis Morse, ² 1935 (died in office).
Ira Lunt, ² 1906.	Thomas J. Hammonds, ⁴ Cheswold, 1935-36.
Jesse Hellings, ² 1907.	Jacob C. Steele, ² 1937-38.
H. W. Perkins, ² 1908.	Augustus A. Owens, ² 1939 (died in office).
William H. Blake, ² 1909.	Henry Banzett, ⁵ Dover, 1939.
George C. Morton, ² 1910.	
William Mendenhall, ² 1911.	

² Deceased
⁴ National council of administration.
⁵ Senior vice department commander.

FLORIDA (36)

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1939, 20. Posts, 4]

Department commander----- C. J. ROSE,^{1 4} Miami.
Senior vice department commander----- JACOB MYERS, St. Cloud.
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- HENRY W. WARDEN, Miami.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth, ² 1884-85.	Lyman Leighton, ² 1914.
G. H. Norton, ² 1886.	James F. Bullard, ² 1915.
E. W. Henck, ² 1887.	W. H. Melrath, ² 1916.
William James, ² 1888.	John A. Wallace, ² 1917.
J. W. V. R. Plummer, ² 1889.	H. B. Jeffries, ² 1918.
Fred S. Goodrich, ³ 1890.	Theodore W. B. Brake, ² 1919 (died in office).
John H. Welsh, ³ 1891.	George E. Field, ² 1919.
J. De V. Hazzard, ² 1892.	Imri A. Spencer, ² 1920.
George F. Foote, ² 1893.	G. W. Brown, ² 1921.
David L. Way, ² 1894.	C. J. Rose, ^{1 4} Miami, 1922.
P. E. McMurray, ² 1895.	Samuel Sage, ² 1923.
L. V. Jenness, ² 1896.	James Campbell, ² 1924.
Charles M. Ellis, ² 1897.	A. C. Shaffer, ² 1925 (died in office).
George Packwood, ² 1898.	J. A. Brown, ² 1925 (died in office).
Edwin Kirby, ² 1899.	J. H. DeGraw, ² 1926.
J. S. Fairhead, ² 1900.	A. R. Sawyer, ² 1926.
F. C. Parcell, ² 1901.	Wayne W. Blossom, ² 1927.
S. Herbert Lancy, ² 1902.	D. S. Hunter, ² 1928.
J. F. Chase, ² 1903.	A. W. Lathrop, ² 1929.
Henry Marcotte, ² 1904.	C. E. Beach, ² 1930.
Thomas J. Owen, ² 1905.	James H. Simpson, ² 1931.
William E. Emerson, ² 1906.	Logan J. Dyke, Union City, Pa., 1932.
Samuel W. Fox, ² 1907.	D. S. Hunter, ² 1933-35.
S. R. Hudson, ² 1908.	C. H. Parker, ² 1936.
James Skinner, ² 1909.	Charles W. Eldredge, ² 1937.
James O. Thompson, ² 1910.	C. J. Rose, ^{1 4} Miami, 1938.
Joseph Bumby, ² 1911.	W. C. Russell, St. Cloud, 1939.
William P. Lynch, ² 1912.	
William S. Siggins, ² 1913.	

S. H. Wood,² 1905, transferred from Vermont.
 C. E. Beach,² 1908, transferred from Vermont.
 A. P. Rounseville,² 1895, transferred from North Dakota.
 Samuel Baughman,² 1926, transferred from Kansas.
 F. M. Underwood, Knoxville, Tenn., 1915, 1934-37, transferred from Tennessee.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

John Raymond, St. Cloud, 1939.

¹ Present.² Deceased³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.

IDAHO (39)

[Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1939, 5. Posts, 3]

Department commander----- ALBERT G. JONES,^{1 4} Boise.
Senior vice department commander----- F. J. TITUS, Nampa.
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- ELDER SMITH, Boise.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye, ² 1888.	R. H. Barnes, ² 1916.
A. S. Senter, ² 1889.	George F. Kimery, ² 1917.
W. T. Riley, ² 1890.	F. T. Page, ² 1918.
Judson Spofford, ² 1891.	Silas Wilson, ² 1919. (See California and Nevada.)
A. O. Ingalls, ² 1892.	John Carr, ² 1920.
R. H. Barton, ² 1893.	William S. Hawkes, ² 1921.
T. J. Groome, ² 1894.	William Bower, ² 1922.
D. H. Budlong, ² 1895.	F. J. Titus, ³ Nampa, 1923.
J. L. Fuller, ² 1896.	C. L. Longley, ² 1924.
Lindol Smith, ² 1897.	George Gardner, ² 1925.
N. F. Kimball, ² 1898.	John S. Thorp, ² 1926.
S. L. Thompson, ² 1899.	R. P. Drury, ² 1927.
Charles A. Clark, ² 1900.	W. J. Neely, ² 1928.
William C. Maxey, ² 1901.	Otto F. Steen, ² 1929.
George M. Parsons, ² 1902.	S. H. McCullough, ² 1930.
E. S. Whittier, ² 1903.	W. H. Johns, ² 1931.
C. F. Drake, ² 1904.	Jeremiah Williams, ² 1932.
George A. Manning, ² 1905.	T. W. Johnston, ² 1933 (died in office).
Alfred Anderson, ² 1906.	George N. Kingsbury, Emmett, 1934.
A. M. Rowe, ² 1907.	E. A. Paddock, ² 1934.
William K. Jameson, ² 1908.	Frank Williams, ² 1935.
Stewart Young, ² 1909.	George N. Kingsbury, ⁶ Emmett, 1936.
Willard White, ² 1910.	James P. Taylor, ² 1937.
M. W. Wood, ² 1911.	Elisha White, ² 1938 (died in office).
J. W. Shields, ² 1912.	Elder Smith, ⁵ Idaho City, 1938.
A. G. Nettleton, ² 1913.	Albert G. Jones, ^{1 4} Boise, 1939.
H. J. Newhouse, ² 1914.	
William H. Cable, ² 1915.	

¹ Present.² Deceased³ Senior vice department commander.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Assistant adjutant general.⁶ Department commander, 1934.

ILLINOIS (1)

[Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1939, 89. Posts, 56]

Department commander----- HIRAM H. SHUMATE,¹ Riverton.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN BURKE,¹ Chicago.
Junior vice department commander----- JAMES H. LEWIS,¹ Chicago.
Assistant adjutant general----- WILLIAM H. LIVINGSTON,¹ Peoria.

REPRESENTATIVES

William Glenn,¹ Belleville.
 John Billington,¹ Springfield.
 Henry Stanley, Chicago.

ALTERNATES

Michael Cashman, Quincy.
 William P. Lockwood,¹ Kankakee.
 James Crugom, Chicago.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, ² 1866.	Edwin H. Buck, ² 1906.
John M. Palmer, ² 1867.	A. C. Mathews, ² 1907.
Thomas S. Osborne, ² 1868-70.	Joseph Rosenbaum, ² 1908.
Charles E. Lippincott, ² 1871.	Philip C. Hayes, ² 1909.
Hubert Dilger, ² 1872.	James A. Connolly, ² 1910.
Guy T. Gould, ² 1873.	C. C. Duffy, ² 1911.
H. H. Hilliard, ² 1874-76.	Thomas H. Gault, ² 1912.
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² 1877 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Crowder, ² 1913.
T. B. Coulter, ² 1878.	Samuel Fallows, ² 1914.
Edgar D. Swain, ² 1878-80.	John M. Snyder, ² 1915.
J. W. Burst, ² 1881.	W. F. Calhoun, ² 1916.
Thomas G. Lawler, ² 1882.	C. S. Bentley, ² 1917.
Samuel A. Harper, ² 1883.	Joseph W. Fifer, ² 1918.
L. T. Dickason, ² 1884.	Henry D. Fulton, ² 1919.
W. W. Berry, ² 1885.	Edwin N. Armstrong, ² 1920.
Philip Sidney Post, ² 1886.	William P. Wright, ² 1921.
A. C. Sweetser, ² 1887.	E. P. Bartlett, ² 1922 (died in office).
James A. Sexton, ² 1888.	J. M. Oulson, ² 1922.
James S. Martin, ² 1889.	William J. Libberton, ² 1923.
William L. Distin, ² 1890.	Philip Smith, ² 1924.
Horace S. Clark, ² 1891.	O. R. Kenney, ² 1925.
Edwin Harlan, ² 1892.	John E. Andrew, ² 1926.
Edwin A. Blodgett, ² 1893.	D. H. Harper, ² 1927.
H. H. McDowell, ² 1894.	Charles T. Marsh, ² 1928.
William H. Powell, ² 1895.	H. B. Davidson, ² 1929.
W. G. Cochran, ² 1896.	A. C. Best, ² 1930.
A. L. Schimpff, ² 1897.	James H. Campbell, ² 1931.
John C. Black, ² 1898.	H. C. First, ² 1932 (died in office).
John B. Inman, ² 1899.	William O'Callaghan, ² 1932.
J. M. Longnecker, ² 1900.	George A. Robinson, ² 1933.
N. B. Thistlewood, ² 1901.	William N. Hodge, ² 1934.
H. M. Trimble, ² 1902.	Thomas Ambrose, ^{1 5} Chicago, 1935.
Benson Wood, ² 1903.	William N. Hodge, ² 1936.
Robert Mann Woods, ² 1904.	John E. Andrew, ² 1937-38.
John C. Smith, ² 1905.	Thomas Ambrose, ^{1 5} Chicago, 1939.

Milton J. Stewart,² 1885, transferred from Kansas.
 Charles M. Travis,² 1889, transferred from Indiana.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Milton Myers,⁴ Park Ridge, 1935.
 Albert E. Gage,¹ Chicago, 1937.

Jacob Luchsinger, De Pue, 1938.

¹ Present.² Deceased⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Adjutant general.

INDIANA (20)

[Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1939, 48. Posts, 30]

Department commander----- DR. JOHN H. STONE,^{1 3} Kokomo.
Senior vice department commander---- MARK PATTON, Kokomo.
Junior vice department commander_ O. N. WILMINGTON,¹ Indianapolis.
Assistant adjutant general----- DR. JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,⁴ Indianapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES

William E. Chappelle,¹ Terre Haute. | Jacob Mooker,¹ Valparaiso.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, ² 1866; 1868.	John D. Alexander, ² 1908.
Nathan Kimball, ² 1867.	Orlando A. Somers, ² 1909.
Oliver M. Wilson, ² 1869.	Alexander P. Asbury, ² 1910.
Louis Humphrey, ² 1870-71.	Daniel Waugh, ² 1911.
Jonathan B. Hagar, ² 1879.	Frank Swigart, ² 1912 (died in office).
Samuel E. Armstrong, ² 1880.	Wilbur E. Gorsuch, ² 1912.
William W. Dudley, ² 1881.	Daniel W. Comstock, ² 1913.
James R. Carnahan, ² 1882-83.	A. B. Crampton, ² 1914.
Edwin Nicar, ² 1884.	Lewis King, ² 1915.
David N. Foster, ² 1885.	V. V. Williams, ² 1916.
Thomas W. Bennett, ² 1886.	Samuel M. Hench, ² 1917.
Ira J. Chase, ² 1887.	Alonzo Murphy, ² 1918.
Argus D. Vanosdol, ² 1888.	William F. Medsker, ² 1919.
Charles M. Travis, ² 1889 (see Illinois).	Robert W. McBride, ² 1920.
Gil R. Stormont, ² 1890.	Richard H. Tyner, ² 1921.
Ivan N. Walker, ² 1891.	William A. Kelsey, ² 1922.
Joseph B. Cheadle, ² 1892.	Albert J. Ball, ² 1923.
James T. Johnston, ² 1893.	F. M. VanPelt, ² 1924.
Albert O. Marsh, ² 1894.	David Strouse, ¹ 1925.
Harvey B. Shively, ² 1895.	James W. Spain, ² 1926.
Henry M. Caylor, ² 1896.	John H. Hoffman, ² 1927.
James S. Dodge, ² 1897.	W. F. Molyneaux, ² 1928.
Daniel Ryan, ² 1898.	Charles E. Hale, ² 1929.
William L. Dunlap, ² 1899.	Isaac B. Austin, ² 1930 (died in office).
David E. Beem, ² 1900.	James Kilmartin, ² 1930.
Milton Garrigus, ² 1901.	F. M. McNair, ² 1931.
Benjamin Starr, ² 1902.	James Bowden, ² 1932.
George W. Grubbs, ² 1903.	Jasper N. Callicott, ² 1933.
Daniel R. Lucas, ² 1904.	John F. McKinley, ² 1934 (died in office).
Marine D. Tackett, ² 1905.	Edward McClelland, ² 1935.
Edmund R. Brown, ² 1906.	Quincey A. Hunt, ² 1936.
William A. Ketcham, ² 1907.	John H. Stone, ^{1 3} Kokomo, 1937-39.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. L. Akers, Indianapolis, 1934. | William Ziegler, Logansport, 1937.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry Rogers, Rockville, 1934. | Levi Keltner, Anderson, 1938.
Issac N. Sharp, Warsaw, 1936.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National patriotic instructor.
⁴ National council of administration.

IOWA (19)

[Organized September 1866; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1939, 102. Posts, 16]

Department commander----- J. J. NEUMAN,¹ Des Moines.
Senior vice department commander----- E. P. TAYLOR,¹ Newton.
Junior vice department commander----- FREDERICK FISHER, Humeston.
Assistant adjutant general----- T. J. NOLL,^{1 6} Des Moines.

REPRESENTATIVES

John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah.
 James P. Martin,¹ Sutherland.
 Robert G. Martin, Rippey.

ALTERNATES

Hiram A. Wirick, Osceola.
 Sylvester Pokett, Dunlap.
 Adnah D. Bullock, Atlantic.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, ² 1874-75.	Lot Abraham, ² 1911.
A. A. Perkins, ² 1876-78.	J. D. Brown, ² 1912.
H. E. Griswold, ² 1879.	J. W. Willett, ² 1913.
W. F. Conrad, ² 1880.	Byron C. Ward, ² 1914.
Peter V. Carey, ² 1881.	John F. Merry, ² 1915.
George B. Hogin, ² 1882.	John H. Mills, ² 1916.
John B. Cook, ² 1883.	J. L. Farrington, ² 1917.
E. G. Miller, ² 1884.	E. J. C. Bealer, ² 1918.
W. R. Manning, ² 1885.	A. G. Beatty, ² 1919.
W. A. McHenry, ² 1886.	R. L. Chase, ² 1920.
J. M. Tuttle, ² 1887.	J. B. Harsh, ² 1921.
E. A. Consigny, ² 1888.	L. J. Kron, ² 1922.
Charles H. Smith, ² 1889.	W. W. Gist, ² 1923 (died in office).
Mason P. Mills, ² 1890.	W. S. Freeman, ² 1923.
Charles L. Davidson, ² 1891.	W. H. Needham, ² 1924 (died in office).
J. J. Steadman, ⁵ Hollywood, Calif., 1892.	D. B. Cowles, ² 1924 (died in office).
Phil. Schaller, ² 1893.	Orlando S. Hartman, ² 1925.
George A. Newman, ² 1894.	Frank Dagle, ² 1925.
J. K. P. Thompson, ² 1895.	E. J. Stonebraker, ² 1926.
Josiah Given, ² 1896.	Oley Nelson, ² 1927.
A. H. Evans, ² 1897.	J. W. Stratton, ² 1928.
R. W. Tirrell, ² 1898.	John K. Ewing, ² 1929 (died in office).
C. F. Bailey, ² 1899.	Joseph Pratt, ² 1930.
M. B. Davis, ² 1900.	Watson Ridsen, ² 1930.
George Metzger, ² 1901.	John T. Lucas, ² 1931.
John Lindt, ² 1902.	T. J. Noll, ^{1 6} Des Moines, 1932.
L. B. Raymond, ² 1903.	Frank L. Quade, ⁷ Dubuque, 1933.
R. T. St. John, ² 1904.	L. J. Leech, ² 1934.
S. H. Harper, ² 1905.	Horace B. Kelly, ² 1935 (died in office).
C. A. Clark, ² 1906.	J. C. Hanes, ² 1935.
D. J. Palmer, ² 1907.	John P. Risley, ² 1936-37 (died in office).
J. C. Milliman, ² 1908.	Michael Hawk, Sioux City, 1938.
M. McDonald, ² 1909.	James W. Willett, ² 1939 (died in office).
H. A. Dyer, ² 1910.	

¹ Present.

² Deceased

⁵ Transferred to California and Nevada.

⁶ Judge advocate general.

⁷ Past senior vice commander in chief.

KANSAS (22)

[Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1939, 22. Posts, 16]

Department commander----- J. W. MALLOY, Dodge City.
Senior vice department commander----- W. P. JOHNSON, Hutchinson.
Junior vice department commander----- CHAS. WINGROVE,¹ Clay Center.
Assistant adjutant general----- A. O. GERE,^{1 4} Stafford.

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

J. H. Hedrick, Topeka.

J. P. Fair, Mankato.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin,² 1866-67.
 John Carpenter,² 1868.
 W. S. Jenkins,² 1872 (see Missouri).
 Stephen A. Cobb,² 1873.
 John Guthrie,² 1876.
 J. H. Gilpatrick,² 1877-78.
 J. C. Walkinshaw,² 1879-82.
 Thomas J. Anderson,² 1883.
 Homer W. Pond,² 1884.
 Milton J. Stewart,² 1885 (see Illinois).
 C. J. McDivett,² 1886.
 T. H. Soward,² 1887 (see Oklahoma).
 J. W. Feighan,² 1888.
 Henry Booth,² 1889.
 Ira A. Collins,² 1890.
 Timothy McCarthy,² 1891.
 A. R. Green,² 1892.
 Bernard Kelly,² 1893.
 W. P. Campbell,² 1894.
 John P. Harris,² 1895.
 W. C. Whitney,² 1896.
 Theo. Botkin,² 1897.
 D. W. Eastman,² 1898 (see Oklahoma).
 O. H. Coulter,² 1899 (see California and Nevada).
 W. W. Martin,² 1900.
 J. B. Remington,² 1901.
 H. C. Loomis,² 1902.
 Abraham W. Smith,² 1903.
 Charles Harris,² 1904.
 P. H. Coney,² 1905-06.
 R. A. Campbell,² 1907.
 W. A. Morgan,² 1908.
 Joel H. Rickel,² 1909.

Nathan E. Harmon,² 1910.
 T. P. Anderson,² 1911.
 J. N. Harrison,² 1912-13.
 Ira D. Brougher,² 1914.
 C. A. Meek,² 1915.
 R. M. Painter,² 1916.
 A. C. Pierce,² 1917.
 W. W. Smith,² 1918.
 Theodore Gardner,² 1919.
 Joseph A. Walter,² 1920.
 George P. Washburn,² 1921 (died in office).
 E. W. Bowman,² 1921.
 William W. Dennison,² 1922.
 William H. Mitchell,² 1923.
 Andrew Graff,² 1924.
 Fred Jackson,² 1925.
 Samuel Baughman,² 1926 (see Florida).
 R. H. McWhorter,² 1927.
 H. I. Merrill,² 1928.
 J. W. Priddy,² 1929.
 C. K. King,² 1930.
 E. W. Phillips,² 1931.
 J. H. Harvey,² 1932 (died in office).
 Grear Nagel,² 1932 (died in office).
 H. W. Wardell,² 1932.
 W. B. Rhodes, Manhattan, 1933.
 W. W. Nixon,^{1 5} Jewell, 1934.
 A. O. Gere,^{1 4} Stafford, 1935.
 J. H. Getty,² 1936.
 Henry Keller,² 1937.
 Philip Weinrich, Winfield, 1938.
 T. B. Williams,¹ Chapman, 1939.

¹ Present.

² Deceased

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Senior vice commander in chief.

KENTUCKY (27)

[Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1939, 3. Posts, 3]

Department commander----- RICHARD LILLY, Anchorage.
Senior vice department commander----- RICHARD LILLY, Anchorage.
Assistant adjutant general----- M. H. DAVIDSON,^{2 5} Louisville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, ² 1883.	R. B. Hewetson, ² 1909.
W. H. Harton, ² 1884.	Sanford D. Van Pelt, ² 1910.
George W. Northup, ² 1885.	Charles C. Degman, ² 1911.
William Bowman, ² 1887.	John Barr, ² 1912.
Orrin A. Reynolds, ² 1888.	W. J. L. Hughes, ² 1913.
Vincent Boreing, ² 1889.	Edward Farley, ² 1914.
Michael Minton, ² 1890.	John T. Gunn, ² 1915.
Samuel G. Hills, ² 1891.	Sam D. Brown, ² 1916.
Edward H. Hobson, ² 1892.	J. R. Howard, ² 1917.
T. Edward Livezey, ² 1893.	T. A. Casey, ² 1918.
Daniel O'Riley, ² 1894.	Andrew Offut, ² 1919.
Robert M. Kelly, ² 1895.	M. H. Davidson, ^{2 5} 1920.
Americus Whedon, ² 1896.	Jacob Seibert, ² 1921.
Andrew J. Tharp, ² 1897.	John T. English, ² 1922.
J. W. Hammond, ² 1898.	E. F. Tucker, ² 1923.
Joseph H. Browning, ² 1899.	C. C. Furr, ² 1924.
L. M. Drye, ² 1900.	J. D. Compton, ² 1925.
John Blaes, ² 1901.	Albert Scott, ² 1926 (died in office).
T. F. Beyland, ² 1902.	Cyrus Edwards, ² 1926-28.
W. G. Force, ² 1903.	John T. Thompson, ² 1929.
William T. Bausmith, ² 1904.	Robert T. Smith, ² 1930-33.
Bernard Matthews, ² 1905.	Charles L. Dudley, ² 1934-36.
George Grimstead, ² 1906.	R. R. Graham, Madisonville, ^{1 4} 1937-39.
Le Vant Dodge, ² 1907-08.	

MAINE (9)

[Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1939, 50. Posts, 22]

Department commander----- GEORGE H. JONES,¹ Oxford.
Senior vice department commander----- NATHAN HALLOWELL, South China.
Junior vice department commander----- JOHN W. FOGLER,^{1 4} Skowhegan.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN W. PALMER,¹ Waldoboro.

REPRESENTATIVES

Otis L. Coffin, Freeport.
 Charles Marston, Yarmouth.

ALTERNATES

Walter Gowan, Biddeford.
 Dr. Bertrand Dunn, Portland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal, ² 1868-69.	Augustus B. Farnham, ² 1882.
Charles P. Mattocks, ² 1870-71.	Elisha M. Shaw, ² 1883.
Daniel White, ² 1872-73.	Benjamin Williams, ² 1884.
Seldon Connor, ² 1874-75.	James A. Hall, ² 1885.
Nelson Howard, ² 1876.	Samuel W. Lane, ² 1886.
John D. Myrick, ² 1877.	Richard K. Gatley, ² 1887.
Augustus C. Hamlin, ² 1878.	Horace H. Burbank, ² 1888.
Windsor B. Smith, ² 1879.	Franklin M. Drew, ² 1889.
Isaac S. Bangs, ² 1880.	John D. Anderson, ² 1890.
William G. Haskell, ² 1881.	Samuel L. Miller, ² 1891.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Quartermaster general. (Died Sept. 8, 1940.)

MAINE (9)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—Continued

Isaac Dyer,² 1892.
 Wainwright Cushing,² 1893.
 J. Wesley Gilman,² 1894.
 William H. Green,² 1895.
 Lorenzo J. Carver,² 1896.
 Leroy T. Carleton,² 1897.
 Charles A. Southard,² 1898.
 Frederick Robie,² 1899.
 Seth T. Snipe,² 1900.
 William Z. Clayton,² 1901.
 James L. Merrick,² 1902.
 Joshua L. Chamberlain,² 1903.
 Edwin C. Milliken,² 1904.
 Henry O. Perry,² 1905.
 Frederick S. Walls,² 1906.
 Frank F. Goss,² 1907.
 Woodbury K. Dana,² 1908.
 Augustus W. McCausland,² 1909.
 John W. Webster,² 1910.
 Edwin Riley,² 1911.
 William H. Holston,² 1912.
 John F. Lamb,² 1913.
 Thomas S. Benson,² 1914.
 Simon S. Andrews,² 1915.

Tobias L. Eastman,² 1916.
 John Quincy Adams,² 1917.
 Fred A. Motley,² 1918.
 George W. Goulding,² 1919.
 Henry E. Merriam,² 1920.
 Edward A. Butler,² 1921.
 George A. Gay,² 1922.
 Ezekiel H. Hanson,² 1923.
 Charles E. Nason,² 1924.
 Albert R. Hill,² 1925.
 Nathaniel W. White,² 1926.
 Nahum H. Pillsbury,² 1927.
 Nelson R. Brown,² 1928.
 Samuel F. Emerson,¹ Skowhegan, 1929.
 F. S. Philbrick,² 1930.
 Simon C. Hastings,² 1931.
 John W. Fogler,^{1,4} Skowhegan, 1932.
 George T. Benson, Oakland, 1933.
 John B. Sawtelle,¹ Oakland, 1934.
 Joseph W. Lake,² 1935.
 Charles F. Tibbetts,² 1936.
 Oliver N. Leavitt, Portland, 1937.
 John W. Palmer,^{1,3} Waldoboro, 1938.
 Frank J. Savage,¹ Fairfield, 1939.

MARYLAND (16)

[Organized January 8, 1868 ; reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, December 31, 1939, 3. Posts, 1]

Department commander-----

Assistant adjutant general----- CHARLES F. DANIELS, Baltimore.

No report.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Andrew W. Denison,² 1867-69.
 E. W. Goldsborough,² 1870.
 E. T. Daneker,² 1871.
 Adams E. King,² 1872.
 E. B. Tyler,² 1876-78.
 W. E. Griffith,² 1879.
 W. E. W. Ross,² 1880-81.
 Graham Dukehart,² 1882.
 John Suter,² 1883.
 Frank M. Smith,² 1884.
 John W. Horn, 1885.
 George W. F. Vernon,² 1886.
 Henry P. Underhill,² 1887.
 Theodore F. Lang,² 1888.
 George F. Wheeler,² 1889.
 George R. Graham,² 1890.
 Joseph C. Hill,² 1891.
 Wallace A. Bartlett,² 1892.
 Frank Nolen,² 1893.
 Myron I. Rose,² 1894.
 Oliver A. Horner,² 1895.
 A. S. Cooper,² 1896.
 George W. Johnson,² 1897.
 David L. Stanton,² 1898.

Lewis M. Zimmerman,² 1899.
 John R. King,² 1900.
 John G. Taylor,² 1901.
 John W. Worth,² 1902.
 William Stahl,² 1903.
 James Campbell,² 1904.
 Richard N. Bowerman,² 1905.
 George Prechtel,² 1906.
 Fred C. Tarr,² 1907.
 Robert C. Sunstrom,² 1908.
 Benjamin F. Taylor,² 1909.
 William P. Vannort,² 1910.
 John T. Holmes,² 1911.
 George Prechtel,² 1912.
 Charles N. Emich,² 1913.
 Albert K. Young,² 1914.
 Joseph Brooks,² 1915.
 James E. Van Sant,² 1916.
 E. Walter Giles,² 1917-18.
 George T. Leech,⁵ Baltimore, 1919-35.
 Julius Rosenthal,² 1936-38 (died in office).
 John Liddell,² 1938-39 (died in office).

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Assistant adjutant general.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Past junior vice commander in chief ; transferred to national membership at large.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1939, 60. Posts, 38]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	DUDLEY L. PAGE, ¹ Lowell.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	SAMUEL SNOW, Marblehead.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	GEORGE N. ALDEN, New Bedford.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. GAY, ¹ Nashua, N. H.

REPRESENTATIVES

Gilbert D. Streeter,¹ Orange.
Charles F. Staples, Leominster.

ALTERNATES

William H. Burns, Attleboro.
Dennis Driscoll, Roslindale.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman, ² 1866-67.	James H. Wolff, ² 1905.
A. B. R. Sprague, ² 1868.	J. Payson Bradley, ² 1906.
Francis A. Osborn, ² 1869.	Daniel H. L. Gleason, ² 1907.
James L. Bates, ² 1870.	Alfred S. Roe, ² 1908.
William Cogswell, ² 1871.	John L. Parker, ² 1909.
Henry R. Sibley, ³ 1872.	J. Willard Brown, ² 1910 (died in office).
Adin B. Underwood, ² 1873.	Granville C. Fiske, ² 1910-11.
John W. Kimball, ² 1874.	George A. Hosley, ² 1912.
George S. Merrill, ² 1875.	Thomas J. Ames, ² 1913.
Horace B. Sargent, ² 1876-78.	John M. Woods, ² 1914.
John G. B. Adams, ² 1879.	Alfred H. Knowles, ² 1915.
John A. Hawes, ² 1880.	Francis E. Mole, ² 1916.
George W. Creasey, ² 1881.	Daniel E. Denny, ² 1917.
George H. Patch, ² 1882.	Edwin P. Stanley, ² 1918.
George S. Evans, ² 1883.	George W. Wilder, ² 1919.
John D. Billings, ² 1884.	Horace Goodwin, ² 1920.
John W. Hersey, ² 1885.	Edwin F. Morrill, ² 1921.
Richard F. Tobin, ² 1886.	Henry Clark, ² 1922.
Charles D. Nash, ² 1887.	George W. Pratt, ² 1923.
Myron P. Walker, ² 1888.	Benjamin A. Ham, ² 1924.
George L. Goodale, ² 1889.	William L. Gage, ² 1925 (died in office).
George H. Innis, ² 1890.	Henry H. Comey, ² 1925.
Arthur A. Smith, ² 1891.	William F. Brown, ² 1926 (died in office)
James K. Churchill, ² 1892.	Henry A. Monk, ² 1927.
Eli W. Hall, ² 1893.	Edwin J. Foster, ² 1928.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² 1894.	James H. Webb, ² 1929.
Joseph W. Thayer, ² 1895.	Alvin C. Howes, ² 1930 (died in office).
William P. Derby, ² 1896.	Waldo Turner, ² 1930-31.
John M. Deane, ² 1897.	Edwin H. Lincoln, ² 1932.
William H. Bartlett, ² 1898.	Frederick H. Bishop, ² 1933.
John E. Gilman, ² 1899.	George A. Gay, ^{1 5} Nashua, N. H., 1934.
Peter D. Smith, ² 1900.	George W. Green, ^{1 4} Jamaica Plain, 1935.
Silas A. Barton, ² 1901.	Charles L. Robinson, Melrose, 1936.
W. W. Blackmar, ² 1902.	John E. Bronson, E. Dedham, 1937.
Dwight O. Judd, ² 1903.	Joseph F. Stoddard, ² 1938.
Lucius Field, ² 1904.	Charles E. Miles, Stoughton, 1939.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Assistant adjutant general.

MICHIGAN (18)

[Organized May 6, 1868 ; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1939, 42. Posts, 26]

Department commander----- A. C. ESTABROOK,^{1 3} Grand Rapids.
Senior vice department commander----- MARTIN WARNER,^{1 4} Grand Rapids.
Junior vice department commander----- ORLANDO LE VALLEY,¹ Caro.
Assistant adjutant general----- EUGENE OWEN,¹ Grand Rapids.

REPRESENTATIVES

Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar. | John Harris, Detroit.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger, ² (provisional), 1867.	George L. Holmes, ² 1908.
William A. Throop, ² 1868.	James M. Greenfield, ² 1909.
William Humphrey, ² 1869-70.	Samuel J. Lawrence, ² 1910.
C. V. R. Pond, ² 1878-79.	George W. Stone, ² 1911.
A. T. McReynolds, ² 1880.	John T. Spillane, ² 1912.
Byron R. Pierce, ² 1881-82.	Frank R. Chase, ² 1913.
Oscar A. Janes, ² 1883.	Riley L. Jones, ² 1914.
Rush J. Shank, ² 1884.	Henry C. Rankin, ² 1915 (died in office).
Charles D. Long, ² 1885.	Eli Strong, ² 1915.
John Northwood, ² 1886.	L. H. Ives, ² 1916.
L. G. Rutherford, ² 1887.	William O. Lee, ² 1917.
Washington Gardner, ² 1888.	David S. Howard, ² 1918.
Michael Brown, ² 1889 (see Montana).	Edwin F. Lamb, ² 1919.
Henry M. Duffield, ² 1890.	Henry Spaulding, ² 1920.
Charles L. Eaton, ² 1891.	J. J. Holmes, ² 1921.
Henry S. Dean, ² 1892.	William Mears, ² 1922.
James H. Kidd, ² 1893.	Lyman A. L. Gilbert, ² 1923.
Louis Kanitz, ² 1894.	Marvin C. Barney, ² 1924.
S. B. Daboll, ² 1895.	John Steel, ² 1925.
William Shakespeare, ² 1896.	James R. Stephenson, ² 1926.
Aaron T. Bliss, ² 1897.	Charles A. Bartlett, ² 1927.
Alex Patrick, ² 1898.	A. C. Estabrook, ^{1 3} Grand Rapids, 1928-
Russell R. Pealer, ² 1899.	30.
Ethel M. Allen, ² 1900.	Orestus Blake, ² 1931-32.
James Van Kleeck, ² 1901.	C. M. Cook, ² 1933 (died in office).
Edward C. Anthony, ² 1902.	John Killeen, Portland, 1933.
D. B. K. Van Raalte, ² 1903.	Frank D. Keeler, ² 1934.
George H. Hopkins, ² 1904.	Ira M. Stewart, ² 1935-36.
E. C. Cannon, ² 1905.	S. H. Carlton, Kalamazoo, 1937.
Joseph P. Griswold, ² 1906.	A. C. Estabrook, ^{1 3} Grand Rapids, 1938.
William Jibb, ² 1907.	A. F. Chappelle, Detroit, 1939.
Charles E. Foote, ² 1908 (died in office).	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Eugene Owen,^{1 5} Grand Rapids, 1933.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

William Parker, Lake Odessa, 1938.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Past senior vice commander in chief.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Assistant adjutant general.

MINNESOTA (24)

[Organized August 14, 1867 ; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1939, 35. Posts, 9]

Department commander----- CHARLES H. PERRY,¹ Minneapolis.
Senior vice department commander----- WATTS W. HUBBARD, Minneapolis.
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- ORRIN S. PIERCE,^{1 6} Minneapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES

John McConnell, Le Sueur.
 L. E. Quint, Minneapolis.

ALTERNATES

Robert Bland, Minneapolis.
 Henry Mack,¹ Minneapolis.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, ² 1868.	Philip G. Woodward, ² 1910.
Henry A. Castle, ² 1872-74.	J. A. Everett, ² 1911.
George H. Johnson, ² 1876.	William P. Roberts, ² 1912.
Adam Marty, ² 1881-82.	Charles H. Taylor, ² 1913.
John P. Rea, ² 1883.	Charles H. Hopkins, ² 1914.
E. B. Rabb, ² 1884.	Watson W. Hall, ² 1915.
R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885.	Charles Van Campen, ² 1916.
William Thomas, ² 1886.	Silas H. Towler, ² 1917.
L. L. Wheelock, ² 1887.	Edwin F. Kenrick, ² 1918.
James H. Ege, ² 1888.	J. D. Budd, ² 1919.
Alphonse Barto, ² 1889.	J. A. Town, ² 1920.
James Compton, ² 1890.	S. W. Powell, ² 1921.
Charles D. Parker, ² 1891.	E. Z. Rasey, ² 1922.
L. M. Lange, ² 1892.	W. H. Harrison, ² 1923.
John Day Smith, ² 1893.	S. E. Mahan, ³ St. Paul, 1924.
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² 1894.	W. T. Scram, ² 1925.
Ell Torrance, ² 1895.	P. G. Gorman, ² 1926.
J. J. McCardy, ² 1896.	Jacob Zuber, ² 1927.
E. B. Wood, ² 1897.	T. P. Garrett, ² 1928.
E. W. Mortimer, ² 1898.	T. H. Peacock, ² 1929.
D. B. Searle, ² 1899.	W. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
Gideon S. Ives, ² 1900.	W. L. Hilliard, ² 1931.
William H. Harries, ² 1901.	C. M. Peet, ² 1932.
Perry Starkweather, ² 1902.	Omar H. Case, ² 1933.
Isaac L. Mahan, ² 1903.	Charles H. Cotton, ² 1934.
Harrison White, ² 1904.	M. Mullen, ² 1935.
C. F. MacDonald, ² 1905.	W. W. Holcomb, ² 1936.
Levi Longfellow, ² 1906.	Freman A. Caswell, ² 1937 (died in office).
George A. Whitney, ² 1907.	L. E. Carpenter, ² 1937-38.
Marcus W. Bates, ² 1908.	C. H. Perry, ^{1 5} Minneapolis, 1939.
Loren W. Collins, ² 1909.	

S. F. Hammond,² 1888, transferred from South Dakota.

J. B. Hoit,² 1892, transferred from South Dakota.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. C. Wakefield, Hutchinson, 1926. | H. R. Thomson, Minneapolis, 1936.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. C. Fisher,⁴ North St. Paul, 1926. | J. E. Farnham, Glenwood, 1936.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Past junior vice commander in chief.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Department commander.

⁶ Inspector general.

MISSOURI (25)

[Organized May 16, 1867 ; reorganized April 22, 1882, Membership December 31, 1939, 24. Posts, 9]

Department commander----- DR. R. B. TYLER,¹ Joplin
Senior vice department commander--- JONATHAN HOLLINGSWORTH,¹ Kansas City.
Junior vice department commander--- BILLY TURNER,¹ Lebanon.
Assistant adjutant general----- AUGUST MOREAU,¹ St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVE

GEORGE W. JOHNSON,¹ Kansas City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, ² 1882-83.	Charles W. Ruby, ² 1912.
W. F. Chamberlain, ² 1884.	Arthur Dreifus, ² 1913.
Nelson Cole, ² 1885-86.	William Lowe, ² 1914.
E. E. Kimball, ² 1887.	James B. Dobyne, ² 1915.
Hiram Smith, Jr., ² 1888.	Alex McCandless, ² 1916.
John E. Phelps, ² 1889 (see Washington and Alaska).	Thomas W. Evans, ² 1917.
Leo Rassieur, ² 1890.	Phil F. Coghlan, ² 1918.
George W. Martin, ² 1891.	W. C. Calland, Springfield, 1919.
C. W. Whitehead, ² 1892.	Samuel D. Webster, ² 1920.
Charles G. Burton, ² 1893.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1921.
Louis Grund, ² 1894.	James H. Hunter, ² 1922.
Louis Benecke, ² 1895.	Samuel M. Mann, ² 1923.
Thomas B. Rodgers, ² 1896.	Alfred Zartman, ² 1924.
John B. Platt, ² 1897.	Charles Kooch, ² 1925.
A. G. Peterson, ² 1898.	John W. Lanley, ² 1926.
John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899.	D. H. Baldridge, ² 1927.
Wilbur F. Henry, ² 1900.	John Ferguson, ² 1928.
George Hall, ² 1901.	Chas. H. Mitchell, ² 1929.
Ira T. Bronson, ² 1902.	C. P. Woodruff, ² 1930.
F. M. Sterrett, ² 1903 (see Ohio).	P. L. Swartz, ² 1931.
Jere T. Dew, ² 1904.	A. M. Reynolds, ² 1932.
Henry Fairback, ² 1905.	R. B. Tyler, ³ Joplin, 1933.
John M. Williams, ² 1906.	Smith George, ² 1934.
Thomas D. Kimball, ² 1907.	Perry Martin, ² 1935.
J. V. Martin, ² 1908.	Jonathan Hollingsworth, ^{1 5} Kansas City, 1936.
W. H. Skinner, ² 1909.	William Kowazek, Hawk Point, 1937.
Robert N. Denham, ² 1910.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1938.
Benjamin Warner, ² 1911.	Stephen Thomas, Braymer, 1939.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS*

C. W. Burrill,⁴ Kansas City, 1928.

| Isaac Harry, Licking, 1938.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Department commander.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Senior vice department commander.

NEBRASKA (17)

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1939, 48. Posts, 18]

Department commander----- J. S. DAVISSON,¹ Omaha.
Senior vice department commander----- A. F. REXROAD,^{1 4} Omaha.
Junior vice department commander----- ALFRED HENDEE,¹ Panama.
Assistant adjutant general----- L. C. MCBRIDE,¹ Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES

Cyrus Fox, Gandy.
 H. D. Woodard, Malcolm.

ALTERNATE

J. H. Allbee, Minden.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, ² 1877.	L. D. Richards, ² 1909.
R. H. Wilbur, ² 1878.	John F. Diener, ² 1910.
James W. Savage, ² 1879-80.	A. M. Trimble, ² 1911.
S. J. Alexander, ² 1881-82.	M. V. King, ² 1912.
John C. Bonnell, ² 1883.	John A. Dempster, ² 1913.
Henry E. Palmer, ² 1884.	O. H. Durand, ² 1914.
A. V. Cole, ² 1885 (see California and Nevada).	George C. Humphrey, ² 1915.
John M. Thayer, ² 1886.	W. H. Stewart, 1916.
H. C. Russell, ² 1887.	Wilson E. Majors, ² 1917.
W. C. Henry, ² 1888.	J. S. Hoagland, ² 1918.
J. B. Davis, ² 1889 (died in office).	J. B. Strobe, ² 1919.
S. H. Morrison, ² 1889.	Joseph H. Presson, ² 1920.
T. S. Clarkson, ² 1890.	W. J. Blystone, ² 1921.
Joseph Teeter, ² 1891.	John S. Davisson, ^{1 5} Omaha, 1922.
C. J. Dilworth, ² 1892.	O. C. Bell, ² 1923.
A. H. Church, ² 1893.	S. F. Sanders, ² 1924.
Church Howe, ² 1894.	E. B. Brown, Lincoln, 1925.
Clarendon E. Adams, ² 1895 (see California and Nevada).	J. O. Moore, ² 1926.
J. H. Culver, ² 1896.	David Bryson, ² 1927.
John A. Ehrhardt, ² 1897.	H. V. Hoagland, ² 1928.
Thomas J. Majors, ² 1898.	Thomas J. Smith, ² 1929.
John E. Evans, ² 1899.	F. A. Damewood, ² 1930.
John Reese, ² 1900.	L. F. Ruppel, ² 1931 (died in office).
R. S. Wilcox, ² 1901.	John H. Berger, ² 1931.
C. F. Steele, ² 1902.	C. P. Lomax, ² 1932.
Lee Estelle, ² 1903.	I. D. Evans, ² 1933.
Harmon Bross, ² 1904.	George Johnson, ² 1934.
John Lett, ² 1905.	C. H. Kinney, ² 1935.
John R. Maxson, ² 1906.	A. F. Rexroad, ^{1 4} Omaha, 1936.
Thomas Creigh, ² 1907.	John Seberg, Omaha, 1937.
Eli A. Barnes, ² 1908.	R. E. Coleman, ¹ Lincoln, 1938.
	H. S. Woodworth, Ocean Beach, Calif., 1939.

Griff J. Thomas,² 1879-1881, transferred from Wisconsin.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Department commander.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1939, 6. Posts, 4]

Department commander----- LYMAN E. BUTTERFIELD,^{1 4} Manchester.
Senior vice department commander----- ROBERT E. WHEELER, Manchester.
Junior vice department commander----- GEORGE W. WOODS, Keene.
Assistant adjutant general----- FRANK E. AMADON,¹ Keene.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, ² 1867.	William S. Pillsbury, ² 1907.
William R. Patten, ² 1868.	Augustus D. Sanborn, ² 1908.
Daniel J. Vaughn, ² 1869.	Charles W. Stevens, ² 1909.
James E. Larkin, ² 1870.	Albert D. Scovell, ² 1910.
Augustus H. Bixby, ² 1871.	Henry E. Conant, ² 1911 (died in office).
William H. Trickey, ² 1872.	William A. Beckford, ² 1911.
Timothy W. Challis, ² 1873-74.	George K. Stratton, ² 1912.
Alvin S. Eaton, ² 1875.	David R. Roys, ² 1913.
Charles J. Richards, ² 1876-78.	O. B. Douglass, ² 1914.
George Bowers, ² 1879-80.	M. B. Plummer, ² 1915.
Martin A. Haynes, ² 1881-82.	Reuben T. Leavitt, ² 1916.
John C. Linehan, ² 1883-84.	Charles W. Hobbs, ² 1917.
Marcus M. Collis, ² 1885.	Eugene Wason, ² 1918.
George Farr, ² 1886.	Frank W. Wilson, ² 1919.
Otis C. Wyatt, ² 1887.	James H. Hunt, ² 1920.
A. B. Thompson, ² 1888.	Arthur Thompson, ² 1921.
James F. Grimes, ² 1889.	J. N. Patterson, ² 1922.
Thomas Cogswell, ² 1890.	J. C. Lewis, ² 1923.
Everett B. Huse, ² 1891.	William Blair, ² 1924.
Daniel Hall, ² 1892.	J. R. Squires, ² 1925.
Frank G. Noyes, ² 1893.	Albert J. Barr, ² 1926.
David R. Pierce, ² 1894.	Eben C. Chase, ² 1927.
Charles E. Buzzell, ² 1895.	Joseph Willis, ² 1928.
Lewis W. Aldrich, ² 1896.	O. P. Murdick, ² 1929.
James Minot, ² 1897.	Wm. H. Fish, ² 1930.
A. S. Twitchell, ² 1898.	Henry S. Paul, ² 1931.
Horace L. Worcester, ² 1899.	Charles H. Estes, ² 1932.
D. E. Proctor, ² 1900.	Wm. J. M. Blackmun, ² 1933.
A. C. Haines, ² 1901.	George I. Horne, ² 1934 (died in office).
William S. Carter, ² 1902.	James R. Ashton, ² 1935 (died in office).
Edwin E. Parker, ² 1903.	Frank E. Amadon, Keene, ^{1 3} 1935-36.
Henry O. Kent, ² 1904.	Lyman E. Butterfield, ^{1 4} Manchester, 1937-39.
Daniel B. Newhall, ² 1905.	
Osman B. Warren, ² 1906.	

NEW JERSEY (8)

[Organized December 10, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1939, 17. Posts, 5]

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. MCCOY,^{1 5} Trenton.
Senior vice department commander----- PETER A. VAN KIRK, Princeton.
Junior vice department commander----- WILLIAM PERRINE, Plainfield.
Assistant adjutant general----- GEORGE M. DEY, Ocean Grove.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Assistant adjutant general.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Junior vice commander in chief.

NEW JERSEY (8)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine,² 1868.
 William Ward,² 1869-70.
 Richard H. Lee,² 1871-72.
 John R. Goble,² 1873.
 Charles Burrows,² 1874-75.
 E. W. Davis,² 1876.
 John Muller,² 1877-78.
 Samuel Hufty,² 1879.
 George W. Gile,² 1880.
 Charles H. Houghton,² 1881.
 E. L. Campbell,² 1882.²
 George Fielder,² 1883.
 Henry M. Nevius,² 1884-85.
 Frank O. Cole,² 1886.
 J. L. Wheeler,² 1887.
 E. Burd Grubb,² 1888.
 W. E. B. Miller,² 1889.
 A. M. Matthews,² 1890.
 James R. Mullikin,² 1891.
 R. A. Donnelly,² 1892.
 H. L. Hartshorn,² 1893.
 John Shields,² 1894.
 Henry S. White,² 1895.
 Ernest C. Stahl,² 1896.
 Emanuel Sand's,² 1897 (died in office).
 Samuel G. Hayter,² 1897.
 William C. Smith,² 1898.
 George Barrett,² 1899.
 E. V. Richards,² 1900.
 J. Lawrence,² 1901.
 Enos F. Hann,² 1902.
 Stephen M. Long,² 1903.

James M. Atwood,² 1904.
 Charles Currie,² 1905.
 Alfred Atkins,² 1906.
 Arthur W. Tench,² 1907.
 John Foran,² 1908.
 James F. Connelly,² 1909.
 James Inglis, Jr.,² 1910.
 Adrian S. Appleget,² 1911.
 Terrance J. McDonald,² 1912.
 John W. Bodine,² 1913.
 Forman J. Reynolds,² 1914 (died in office).
 Samuel G. Garretson,² 1914.
 William F. Washington,² 1915.
 William O. Allen,² 1916.
 Walter S. Tully,² 1917.
 George E. Boyd,² 1918.
 A. J. Washburn,² 1919 (died in office).
 Frank Briden, Sr.,² 1919.
 John T. McNeil,² 1920.
 Isaac Cole,² 1921.
 James A. Rikeman,² 1922.
 P. J. Lydecker,² 1923-24.
 Leonard L. Roray,² 1925.
 Joseph A. Goodrich,² 1926.
 Augustus Van Giesen,² 1927.
 Charles Hopper,² 1928.
 Spencer Smith,² 1929.
 John H. Conger,² 1930.
 William A. Buckbee,² 1931.
 William H. Bilbee,² 1932-34.
 William H. McCoy,^{1 5} Trenton, 1935-39.

NEW YORK (5)

[Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1939, 108. Posts, 48]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	HENRY LILY, Rochester.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	EDWIN MORRIS, Elmira.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	THOMAS BARKER, ¹ Bellemore.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK E. COOLEY, Albany.

REPRESENTATIVES

Robert G. Summers, Brooklyn.
 James O'Connor, New York.
 John E. Banks, Pawling.

ALTERNATES

William H. Hazelton, Gouverneur.
 David Mulligan, Vailsmills.
 Charles Jennette, Old Forge.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Junior vice commander in chief.

NEW YORK (5)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean,² 1866-67.
 Daniel E. Sickles,² 1868-69.
 Edwin B. Lansing,² 1869.
 John C. Robinson,² 1870.
 Henry A. Barnum,² 1871-72.
 Stephen P. Corliss,² 1873.
 Edward Jardine,² 1874.
 John Palmer,² 1875.
 James Tanner,² 1876-77.
 William F. Rogers,² 1878.
 James McQuade,² 1879.
 L. Coe Young,² 1880.
 Abram Merritt,² 1881.
 James S. Fraser,² 1882.
 John A. Reynolds,² 1883.
 Ira M. Hedges,² 1884.
 H. Clay Hall,² 1885.
 Joseph I. Sayles,² 1886.
 George H. Treadwell,² 1887.
 N. Martin Curtis,² 1888.
 Harrison Clark,² 1889.
 Floyd Clarkson,² 1890.
 Charles H. Freeman,² 1891.
 Theodore L. Poole,² 1892.
 Joseph P. Cleary,² 1893.
 John C. Shotts,² 1894.
 Edward J. Atkinson,² 1895.
 James S. Graham,² 1896.
 Albert D. Shaw,² 1897.
 Anson S. Wood,² 1898.
 Joseph W. Kay,² 1899.
 N. P. Pond,² 1900.
 Charles A. Orr,² 1901.
 Allan C. Bakewell,² 1902.
 John S. Foster,² 1903.
 Henry N. Burhans,² 1904.
 James N. Snyder,² 1905.

John S. Maxwell,² 1906.
 Harlan J. Swift,² 1907.
 William H. Daniels,² 1908.
 M. J. Cummings,² 1909.
 DeWitt C. Hurd,² 1910.
 George B. Loud,² 1911.
 Oscar Smith,² 1912.
 Samuel C. Pierce,² 1913.
 James D. Bell,² 1914.
 Zan L. Tidball,² 1915.
 Solomon W. Russell,² 1916.
 William F. Kirchner,² 1917.
 Lewis S. Pilcher,² 1918.
 Joseph E. Ewell,² 1919.
 Alfred E. Stacey,² 1920.
 Isadore Isaacs,² 1921.
 Calvin A. Brainard,² 1922.
 Thomas J. McConekey,² 1923.
 Henry L. Keene,² 1924.
 Duncan J. McMillan,² 1925.
 John Van Duyn,² 1926.
 George W. Flynn,² 1927 (died in office).
 William M. Chatham,² 1928 (died in office).
 Henry Lilly,³ Rochester, 1928.
 William P. Griffith,² 1928.
 Martin V. Stone,² 1929.
 George H. Taylor,² 1930.
 Calvin L. Vincent,² 1931.
 Henry J. Kearney,² 1932 (died in office).
 Frank E. Cooley,⁵ Rensselaer, 1933.
 John Maxwell,² 1933.
 Josiah C. Read,² 1934.
 Robert M. Rownd,^{1 6} Ripley, 1935.
 George C. Eldredge,² 1936.
 Joseph Bauer,² 1937.
 Thomas H. Stritch,^{1 4} Brooklyn, 1938-39.

De Alva S. Alexander,² 1884, transferred from Potomac.
 W. L. Palmer,² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.
 A. E. Sholes,² 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
 David R. Wilson,² 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from Oklahoma (see California and Nevada).

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ringgold W. Carman, Flushing, 1922.
 Jacob Lester, Binghamton, 1931.

George H. Howard, Buffalo, 1935.
 John W. Hays, Brookview, 1937.

NORTH DAKOTA (43)

[Organized April 23, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1939, 2. Posts, 2]

Department commander----- J. W. CARROLL,^{1 7} Lisbon.
 Assistant adjutant general----- D. G. DUELL,^{1 4} Devils Lake.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Department commander.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Assistant adjutant general.

⁶ Past commander in chief.

⁷ Past junior vice commander in chief.

NORTH DAKOTA (43)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen, ² 1889.	George W. Kurtz, ² 1912.
George B. Winship, ² 1890.	G. B. Vallandigham, ² 1913.
William A. Bentley, ² 1891 (see California and Nevada).	Alexander Hay, ² 1914.
Samuel G. Roberts, ² 1892.	John L. Smith, ² 1915.
John D. Black, ² 1893.	Henry Beal, ² 1916.
James M. O'Neale, ² 1894.	Christian Schmidt, ² 1917.
A. P. Rounseville, ² 1895 (see Florida).	J. W. Carroll, ^{1 5} Lisbon, 1918.
William H. Brown, ² 1896.	James McCormick, ² 1919.
Edward C. Geary, ² 1897.	David B. McClain, ² 1920 (died in office)
Edwin Southard, ² 1898.	Orange A. Potter, ² 1920.
William Ackerman, ² 1899.	Charles P. Stearns, ² 1921.
Freeman Orcutt, ² 1900.	Smith Stimmel, ² 1922.
D. G. Duell, ^{1 4} Devils Lake, 1901.-	H. F. Dinsmore, ² 1923.
John C. Gipson, ² 1902 (see Oklahoma).	T. C. Conklin, ² 1924.
H. J. Rowe, ² 1903.	George Hawks, ² 1925.
D. F. Siegfried, ² 1904.	John A. Seright, ² 1926.
Joseph Hare, ² 1905.	Charles Cotter, ² 1927.
B. F. Bigelow, ² 1906.	R. M. Donnelly, ² 1928.
Sylvester J. Hill, ² 1907.	R. D. Bagley, ² 1929.
J. L. Richmond, ² 1908.	C. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
Halsey Curry, ² 1909.	A. W. Parmenter, ² 1931.
Albert Roberts, ² 1910.	M. Skarison, ² 1932.
James H. Matthews, ² 1911.	J. W. Carroll, ^{1 5} Lisbon, 1933-39.

OHIO (4)

[Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1939, 59. Posts, 35]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, ¹ Crestline.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	DAVID M. ROBBINS, South Vienna.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	JOHN GRATE, Atwater.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	BYRON W. JOSLIN, ^{1 4} Sidney.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. L. Hooper, Columbus, Ohio.	L. M. Heiston, ¹ Pleasantville.
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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, ² 1866.	A. M. Warner, ² 1891.
Thomas L. Young, ² 1867.	Isaac F. Mack, ² 1892.
J. Warren Keifer, ² 1868-70.	L. H. Williams, ² 1893.
William C. Bunts, ² 1871-72.	E. E. Nutt, ² 1894.
G. M. Barber, ² 1873-74.	Charles Townsend, ² 1895.
Alvin C. Voris, ² 1875.	E. L. Lybarger, ² 1896.
William Earnshaw, ² 1876-77.	Henry Kissinger, ² 1897.
Nathan L. Guthrie, ² 1878 (died in office).	David F. Pugh, ² 1898.
James H. Seymour, ² 1878.	Thomas R. Shinn, ² 1899.
James H. Steadman, ² 1879.	Elias R. Monfort, ² 1900.
David W. Thomas, ² 1880.	Emmet F. Taggart, ² 1901.
John S. Kountz, ² 1881.	Walton Weber, ² 1902.
Charles T. Clark, ² 1882-83.	Arthur C. Yengling, ² 1903.
H. P. Lloyd, ² 1884.	B. M. Moulton, ² 1904.
R. B. Brown, ² 1885.	Amos Huffman, ² 1905.
Arthur L. Conger, ² 1886.	George A. Harmon, ² 1906.
D. C. Putnam, ² 1887.	W. S. Rogers, ² 1907.
Joseph W. O'Neill, ² 1888.	John H. Sharer, ² 1908 (died in office).
S. H. Hurst, ² 1889.	George Hall, ² 1908.
P. H. Dowling, ² 1890.	Charles H. Newton, ² 1909.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Past junior vice commander in chief.

OHIO (4)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—Continued

Henry A. Axline, ² 1910.	John Ambler, ² 1925.
J. F. Johnston, ² 1911.	Levi H. Derby, ² 1926.
Charles W. Blodgett, ² 1912.	Jacob Secrest, ² 1927.
W. R. Warnock, ² 1913.	John McClay, ² 1928.
J. Kent Hamilton, ² 1914.	Salonas A. Williams, ² 1929.
Seeley P. Mount, ² 1915.	W. A. Talbott, ² 1930.
W. H. Surles, ² 1916.	Ayres B. Adams, ² 1931.
W. A. Pittenger, ² 1917.	S. F. Bell, ² 1932.
D. M. Hall, ² 1918.	O. A. Marvin, ² 1933.
H. C. Martindale, ² 1919.	Charles J. McDargh, ² 1934.
John M. Adams, ² 1920.	Henry F. Russell, ² 1935.
M. J. Sloan, ² 1921.	Francis S. Layton, ² 1936.
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² 1922.	Theodore Wells, Cambridge, 1937.
Daniel S. Wilder, ² 1923.	Frederick Pfister, Cincinnati, 1938.
Edmund Burdsall, ² 1924.	Frank S. Morris, 1939.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Little, Canton, 1928.	W. D. Christman, Glouster, 1937.
E. A. Johnson, Cleveland, 1936.	

OKLAHOMA (44)

[Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1939, 9. Posts, 2. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	SYLVESTER S. PATTERSON, ¹ Tonkawa.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	J. J. ELLIOTT, Carnegie.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	J. E. MOSLEY, Stillwater.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	G. I. GORDON, ^{1 4} Oklahoma City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, ² 1890.	George W. Billings, ² 1914 (died in office).
G. M. Coulton, ² 1891.	George W. Fletcher, ² 1914.
D. F. Wyatt, ² 1892.	A. A. Beasler, ² 1915.
T. H. Soward, ² 1893.	Albert Reeves, ² 1916.
J. P. Cummings, ² 1894 (see California and Nevada).	J. C. White, ² 1917.
H. G. Trosper, ² 1895.	F. E. Hills, ² 1918.
W. H. Cater, ² 1896.	F. M. Cline, ² 1919.
C. R. Young, ² 1897.	W. S. Tilton, 1920 (see California and Nevada).
G. D. Munger, ² 1898.	Jacob Amberg, ² 1921.
J. J. S. Hassler, ² 1899.	W. F. Clark, ² 1922.
I. W. Rush, ² 1899.	J. J. Lyons, ² 1923.
M. L. Mock, ² 1900.	J. W. Garner, ² 1924.
James E. Burns, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Norton, ² 1925 (died in office).
Wesley Taylor, ² 1902.	J. H. Luman, ² 1925.
Cyrus P. Green, ² 1903.	R. D. McGinley, ² 1926.
S. P. Strahan, ² 1904.	W. T. Deupree, ² 1927.
G. M. Parks, ² 1905.	R. L. Johnson, ² 1928.
Peter A. Becker, ² 1906.	A. W. Lee, ² 1929.
W. H. Hornaday, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	J. W. Bridges, ² 1930.
H. Veatch, ² 1908.	A. C. Sims, ² 1931.
William Higgins, ² 1909.	L. C. Coffin, ² 1932.
B. N. Turk, ² 1910.	A. C. Sims, ² 1933.
Wilberforce Jones, ² 1911.	J. W. Garner, ² 1934.
W. R. Kelley, ² 1912.	N. D. McGinley, ² 1935-37 (died in office).
L. C. Coffin, Elgin, ³ 1913.	Aaron Fagin, ² 1937 (died in office).
	S. Patterson, ^{1 3} Tonkawa, 1938-39.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Department commander.⁴ National council of administration.

OKLAHOMA (44)—Continued

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908

E. Calkins,² 1891.
 B. F. Harris,² 1892.
 J. H. Spann,² 1893.
 Savelon Boyles,² 1894.
 J. L. Thomas,² 1895.
 William H. Harrison,² 1896.
 R. M. J. Shriver,² 1897.
 David Redfield,² 1898.

Gideon S. White,² 1899.
 John S. Hammer,² 1900-1902.
 J. A. Rose,² 1903.
 Robert Ross,² 1904.
 Samuel H. Smith,² 1905.
 J. F. Ayers,² 1906.
 A. G. Krutchmer,² 1907.

D. W. Eastman,² 1898, transferred from Kansas.
 John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see California and Nevada).

OREGON (26)

[Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1939, 11. Posts 5]

Department commander----- T. A. PENLAND,^{1 4} Portland.
Senior vice department commander----- HENRY HOPKINS, Newberg.
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general-----

REPRESENTATIVE

Charles W. Merritt, Portland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce,² 1882.
 G. E. Caulkin,² 1883.
 F. J. Babcock,² 1884.
 F. H. Lamb,² 1885-86.
 M. L. Olmstead,² 1887.
 A. E. Borthwick,² 1888.
 E. B. McElroy,² 1889.
 James A. Varney,² 1890.
 Owen Summers,² 1891.
 H. H. Northrup,² 1892.
 J. C. Cooper,² 1893.
 S. B. Ormsby,² 1894.
 E. W. Allen,² 1895.
 D. C. Sherman, 1896.
 Frank Reisner,² 1897.
 C. P. Holloway,² 1898.
 H. V. Gates,² 1899.
 A. J. Goodbrod,² 1900.
 J. A. Sladen,² 1901.
 M. L. Pratt,² 1902.
 David H. Turner,² 1903.
 B. F. Pike,² 1904.
 T. E. Hills,² 1905.
 Hamer Sutcliffe,² 1906.
 S. F. Blythe,² 1907.
 J. T. Apperson,² 1908.
 James P. Shaw,² 1909.
 W. J. R. Beach,² 1910.
 Newton Clark,² 1911.
 Thomas B. McDevitt,² 1912.

S. W. Taylor,² 1913.
 H. S. Fargo,² 1914.
 George A. Harding,² 1915.
 Joseph E. Hall,² 1916.
 J. G. Chambers,² 1917.
 Tillman H. Stevens,² 1918.
 Daniel Webster,² 1919.
 J. T. Butler,² 1920.
 C. A. Williams,² 1921.
 D. L. McKay,² 1922.
 George R. Castner,² 1923.
 Henry E. Dosch,² 1924 (died in office).
 J. L. Crow,² 1924.
 J. F. Nelson,² 1925.
 William Clemens,² 1926.
 H. S. Lillagar,² 1927.
 William Clemens,² 1928.
 L. C. Washburn,² 1929 (died in office).
 Charles True,² 1929 (died in office).
 Gideon Stolz,² 1929.
 William M. Colvig,² 1930.
 Charles M. Eichler,² 1931.
 J. W. Jones,² 1932.
 H. V. Gates,² 1933-34 (died in office).
 J. W. Ridge,² 1935.
 John C. Thompson,² 1936 (died in office).
 Z. T. Bryant,² 1937 (died in office).
 Henry Hopkins,³ Newberg, 1937.
 T. A. Penland,^{1 4} Portland, 1937-39.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Senior vice department commander.⁴ National council of administration.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

[Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1939, 35. Posts, 20]

Department commander----- A. W. GABRIO,^{1 4} Hazelton.
Senior vice department commander----- A. T. ANDERSON,^{1 5} Washington.
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- J. L. CHAPMAN, Scranton.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner, ² 1866-67.	John McNevin, ² 1904.
A. L. Pearson, ² 1868.	J. Andrew Wilt, ² 1905.
O. C. Bosbyshell, ² 1869.	M. A. Gherst, ² 1906.
Howard J. Reeder, ² 1870-71.	William T. Powell, ² 1907.
Frank Reeder, ² 1872.	P. De Lacy, ² 1908.
Robert B. Beath, ² 1873.	Thad M. Mahon, ² 1909.
A. Wilson Norris, ² 1874.	L. W. Moore, ² 1910.
W. W. Tyson, ² 1875.	N. P. Kingsley, ² 1911.
James W. Latta, ² 1876.	Thomas H. Cole, ² 1912.
Samuel I. Givin, ² 1877.	William J. Wells, ² 1913.
Charles T. Hull, ² 1878.	John A. Fairman, ² 1914.
George L. Brown, ² 1879.	C. C. Gramlich, ² 1915.
Chill W. Hazard, ² 1880.	L. F. Arensberg, ² 1916.
John Taylor, ² 1881.	Noah Dietrich, ² 1917.
John M. Vanderslice, ² 1882.	J. D. Hicks, ² 1918.
E. S. Osborne, ² 1883.	George W. Rhoads, ² 1919.
Frederick H. Dyer, ² 1884.	C. H. William Ruhe, ³ Pittsburgh, 1920.
F. Austin Curtin, ² 1885.	Charles C. Taylor, ² 1921.
J. P. S. Gobin, ² 1886.	W. F. Hambright, ² 1922.
Samuel Harper, ² 1887.	J. J. Shoemaker, ² 1923.
Frank J. Magee, ² 1888.	H. H. Spayd, ² 1924.
Thomas J. Stewart, ² 1889.	A. M. Breckenridge, ² 1925.
Joseph F. Denniston, ² 1890.	Samuel P. Town, ² 1926.
George G. Boyer, ² 1891.	John B. Patrick, ² 1927.
John P. Taylor, ² 1892.	George I. Rudolph, ² 1928.
Thomas G. Sample, ² 1893.	Phil Engelskirger, ² 1929.
William Emsley, ² 1894.	Charles W. Meconnahey, ² 1930.
H. H. Cumings, ² 1895.	John R. Steele, ² 1931.
Alfred Darte, ² 1896.	Jacob Barron, ² 1932.
William D. Stauffer, ² 1897.	A. T. Anderson, ^{1 5} Washington, 1933.
William J. Patterson, ² 1898.	George W. Gillett, ² 1934-35.
James F. Morrison, ² 1899.	William W. Reynolds, ² 1936 (died in office).
Charles Miller, ² 1900.	John Little, ² 1936 (died in office).
Levi G. McCauley, ² 1901.	A. T. Anderson, ^{1 5} Washington, 1937.
R. P. Scott, ² 1902.	C. H. William Ruhe, ³ Pittsburgh, 1938-39.
Edwin Walton, ² 1903.	

James E. Porter,² 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 James M. Davis,² 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George Sands,⁶ Pittsburgh, 1937.¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Past commander in chief.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Commander in chief.⁶ Past adjutant general.

POTOMAC (14)

[Organized February 13, 1869. Membership, December 31, 1939, 4. Posts, 1]

Department commander----- JOHN M. KLINE, Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general----- WILLIAM F. DORSEY,⁴ Washington, D. C.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Samuel A. Duncan, ² 1869.	A. P. Tasker, ² 1905.
Timothy Luby, ² 1870-72.	B. P. Entrikin, ² 1906.
Frank H. Sprague, ² 1873-74.	Newton Ferree, ² 1907.
Benjamin F. Hawkes, ² 1876.	John S. Walker, ² 1908.
A. H. G. Richardson, ² 1877.	Edwin H. Holbrook, ² 1909.
George E. Corson, ² 1878.	Henry A. Johnson, ² 1910.
Harrison Dingman, ² 1879.	George C. Ross, ² 1911.
Charles C. Royce, ² 1880.	J. D. Bloodgood, ² 1912.
William Gibson, ² 1881.	Thomas H. McKee, ² 1913.
Samuel S. Burdett, ² 1882-83.	J. K. Gleason, ² 1914.
D. S. Alexander, ² 1884 (see New York).	L. H. Patterson, ² 1915.
Newton M. Brooks, ² 1885.	A. H. Huntoon, ² 1916.
Jerome B. Burke, ² 1886-87.	A. H. Frear, ² 1917.
Charles P. Lincoln, ² 1888.	S. G. Mawson, ² 1918.
William S. Odell, ² 1889.	H. B. Snyder, ² 1919.
M. Emmett Urell, ² 1890.	John McElroy, ² 1920-21.
J. M. Pipes, ² 1891.	H. L. Deam, ² 1922.
A. F. Dinsmore, ² 1892.	John W. Reid, ² 1923.
S. E. Faunce, ² 1893.	Briscoe Goodhart, ² 1924.
Nathan Bickford, ² 1894.	Hosea B. Moulton, ² 1925.
Marion T. Anderson, ² 1895.	C. V. Petteys, ² 1926.
John McElroy, ² 1896.	John L. Clem, ² 1927.
Thomas S. Hopkins, ² 1897.	W. R. Bobb, ² 1928 (died in office).
Arthur Hendricks, ² 1898.	Harry T. Dunbar, ² 1928.
Calvin Farnsworth, ² 1899.	S. G. Mawson, ² 1929.
George H. Slaybaugh, ² 1900.	Frank J. Young, ² 1930.
Israel W. Stone, ² 1901.	S. G. Mawson, ² 1931.
B. F. Bingham, ² 1902.	William F. Dorsey, ⁴ Washington, 1932.
I. G. Kimball, ² 1903.	John H. Shepherd, ² 1933.
Abram Hart, ² 1904.	John M. Kline, ³ Washington, 1934-39.

E. S. Godfrey,² 1910, transferred from Arizona.
 John L. Clem,² 1896, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.

RHODE ISLAND (11)

[Organized March 24, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1939, —. Posts, —]

No report.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside, ² 1868.	Henry F. Jenks, ² 1882.
Horatio Rogers, ² 1869.	Philip S. Chase, ² 1883.
Charles R. Brayton, ² 1870-71.	Andrew J. McMahon, ² 1884.
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² 1872-73.	Eugene A. Cory, ² 1885.
Edwin Metcalf, ² 1874.	Theodore A. Barton, ² 1886.
Edwin C. Pomeroy, ² 1875.	Benjamin L. Hall, ² 1887.
Charles H. Williams, ² 1876.	Gideon Spencer, ² 1888.
Henry J. Spooner, ² 1877.	Alonzo Williams, ² 1889.
Fred A. Arnold, ² 1878.	Benjamin F. Davis, ² 1890.
Henry R. Barker, ² 1879.	Benjamin H. Child, ² 1891.
Charles C. Gray, ² 1880.	David S. Ray, ² 1892.
William H. P. Steers, ² 1881.	George T. Cranston, ² 1893.

² Deceased.³ Department commander.⁴ National council of administration.

RHODE ISLAND (11)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Charles H. Baker,² 1894.
 Daniel R. Ballou,² 1895.
 William E. Stone,² 1896.
 Livingston Scott,² 1897.
 Samuel W. K. Allen,² 1898.
 Charles O. Ballou,² 1899.
 Walter A. Reed,² 1900.
 Charles P. Moise,² 1901.
 George H. Cheney,² 1902.
 James S. Hudson,² 1903.
 Joseph Wooley,² 1904.
 Ezra K. Parker,² 1905.
 George L. Greene,² 1906.
 Edward Wilcox,² 1907.
 William O. Milne,² 1908.
 Francello G. Jillson,² 1909.
 Charles H. Ewer,² 1910.
 Ezra Dixon,² 1911.
 Thomas M. Holden,² 1912.
 George H. Cheek,² 1913.
 Gilbert Wilson,² 1914.
 Henry J. Pickersgill,² 1915.
 Joseph Gough,² 1916.
 Augustine A. Mann,² 1917.

Murdock C. McKenzie,² 1918.
 Fred A. Burt,² 1919.
 William Massie,² 1920.
 Fred S. Oatley,² 1921.
 Samuel A. Wheldon,² 1922.
 Zophar Skinner,² 1923.
 George R. Saunders,² 1924.
 William F. Comrie,² 1925.
 Robert M. Pollard,² 1926.
 Christopher M. Carpenter,² 1927–28
 (died in office).
 William Dunham,² 1928.
 Charles H. Lewis,² 1929–30.
 Charles H. Bullock,² 1931.
 Henry A. Knox,² 1932 (died in office).
 James A. Alger,² 1933.
 Fred S. Oatley,² 1934.
 Martin S. Smith,² 1935–36 (died in
 office).
 Charles H. Lewis,² 1936–38 (died in
 office).
 Charles H. Bullock,² 1939 (died in
 office).

SOUTH DAKOTA (29)

[Organized March 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1939, 5. Posts, 2]

Department commander----- LEVI VAN VOORHIS,^{1 4} Huron.
Senior vice department commander----- H. C. SMITH, Kimball.
Junior vice department commander----- JOHN HUYCK, Hawarden.
Assistant adjutant general----- R. A. WYMAN, Sioux Falls.

REPRESENTATIVE

Charles Truax,¹ Huron.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas S. Free,² 1883–84.
 W. V. Lucas,² 1885–86 (see California
 and Nevada).
 Harrison Allen,² 1887.
 S. F. Hammond,² 1888 (see Minnesota)
 George A. Silsby,² 1889.
 E. T. Langley,² 1890 (see California
 and Nevada).
 C. S. Palmer,² 1891 (see Vermont).
 J. B. Hoit,² 1892 (see Minnesota).
 N. C. Nash,² 1893.
 George W. Carpenter,² 1894.
 S. R. Drake,² 1895.
 John Ackley,² 1896 (died in office).
 J. F. Baker,² 1896.
 C. B. Clark,² 1897.
 E. P. Farr,² 1898.
 W. L. Palmer,² 1899 (see New York).
 Philip Lawrence,² 1900 (see California
 and Nevada).
 George W. Snow,² 1901.
 Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902 (see Calif-
 ornia and Nevada).
 Thomas Reed,² 1903.
 H. P. Packard,² 1904.
 J. B. Wolgemuth,² 1905 (see Montana).
 N. I. Lowthian,² 1906.
 T. C. DeJean,² 1907.
 Warren G. Osborn,² 1908.
 Alex S. Stewart,² 1909.
 N. H. Kingman,² 1910.
 Thomas H. Brown,² 1911.
 O. S. Gifford,² 1912 (died in office).
 H. L. Ferry,² 1912.
 John L. Jolley,² 1913.
 C. A. B. Fox,² 1914.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

SOUTH DAKOTA (29)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

C. S. Blodgett, ² 1915.	W. H. Cornell, ² 1925.
Walter H. Carr, ² 1916.	R. T. Sedam, ² 1926.
J. C. Luce, ² 1917.	G. W. Dewey, ² 1927.
James S. Sebree, ² 1918.	H. C. Smith, ⁵ Kimball, 1928.
A. L. Van Osdel, ² 1919.	W. A. Drake, ² 1929.
E. L. Hurlburt, ² 1920.	E. L. Hurlburt, ² 1930-31.
John E. Davis, ² 1921.	F. Burke O'Brien, ² 1932.
A. L. Van Osdel, ² 1922.	W. A. Drake, ² 1933-35.
H. P. Carson, ² 1923.	Levi Van Voorhis, ^{1 4} Huron, 1936-39.
H. P. Smith, ² 1924.	

TEXAS (38)

[Organized March 25, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1939, 5. Posts, 1]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JOHN SHEARER, ^{1 4} Houston.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	GEORGE W. LOOMIS, Dallas.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	J. W. AYERS, Dallas.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	J. W. ELLIS, Houston.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. D. Wylie, ² 1885.	T. M. Wingate, ² 1908.
O. T. Lyon, ² 1886.	Calvin R. Hubbard, ² 1909.
W. H. Sinclair, ² 1887.	J. S. Dunlap, ² 1910.
J. C. De Gress, ² 1888.	W. S. Kretsinger, ² 1911.
A. G. Malloy, ² 1889.	E. P. Brown, ² 1912.
A. K. Taylor, ² 1890.	Sidney Tuttle, ² 1913.
M. W. Mann, ² 1891.	Robert McCormick, ² 1914.
O. G. Peterson, ² 1892.	C. S. Brodbent, ² 1915.
J. W. Parks, ² 1893.	C. A. Cahoon, ² 1916.
R. M. Moore, ² 1894.	M. B. Young, ² 1917.
W. W. Bostwick, ² 1895.	Anson Miller, ² 1918.
G. W. McCormick, ² 1896.	Edward Loomis, ² 1919.
Ed. N. Ketchum, ² 1897.	Max Hart, ² 1920.
W. F. Conner, ² 1898.	G. E. Allgaier, ² 1921.
John Roach, ² 1899.	R. P. Cooper, ² 1922.
Charles B. Peck, ² 1900.	W. H. Blake, ² 1923.
P. B. Hunt, ² 1901.	John Buchanan, ² 1924.
C. C. Haskell, ² 1902.	John Shearer, ^{1 4} Houston, 1925.
John H. Bolton, ² 1903.	D. L. Wagner, ² 1926.
John L. Boyd, ² 1904.	L. D. Daggett, ² 1927.
E. A. Russell, ² 1905.	F. J. Yingling, ² 1928.
H. W. Harvey, ² 1906.	A. W. Robbins, ² 1929.
L. L. Whitaker, ² 1907.	John Shearer, ^{1 4} Houston, 1930-39.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Senior vice department commander.

UTAH (33)

[Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1939, 1. Post, 1]

Department commander-----IRA STORMES,^{1 4} Salt Lake City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas,² 1883.
 Ransford Smith,² 1884.
 H. C. Wardleigh,² 1885.
 Elijah Sells,² 1886.
 Eli H. Murray,² 1887.
 Nathan H. Kimball,² 1888.
 Henry T. Snyder,² 1889.
 Henry Page,² 1890.
 Frank Hoffman,² 1891.
 James R. Elliott,² 1892.
 J. W. Greenman,² 1893.
 T. C. Hiff,² 1894.
 C. O. Farnsworth,² 1895.
 M. M. Kellogg,² 1896.
 T. C. Bailey,² 1897.
 N. H. Ives,² 1898.
 M. M. Kaighn,² 1899.
 M. A. Breeden,² 1900 (see California
 and Nevada).
 Rudolph Alf,² 1901.
 W. M. Bostaph,² 1902 (see California
 and Nevada).
 F. W. Clark,² 1903.

Henry P. Burns,² 1904.
 E. T. Hulaniski,² 1905.
 B. M. Sperry,² 1906.
 Alfred Kent,² 1907.
 R. G. Sleater,² 1908.
 Lucian H. Smith,² 1909.
 T. C. Lundy,² 1910.
 A. B. Lawrence,² 1911.
 J. W. Brown,² 1912 (died in office).
 Frank H. Hall,² 1912.
 Reuben Oehler,² 1913.
 N. A. Heath,² 1914.
 H. G. Rollins,² 1915.
 N. D. Corser,² 1916-17.
 J. C. A. Warfield,² 1918.
 C. W. A. Schnell,² 1919.
 Ezra D. Haskins,² 1920-21.
 A. Van Patten,² 1922.
 W. L. Goodsell,² 1923-25.
 L. L. Hudson,² 1926-27.
 W. R. Smethers,² 1928.
 Elias Price,² 1929-34.
 Ira Stormes,^{1 4} Salt Lake City, 1935-39.

VERMONT (13)

[Organized December 23, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1939, 3. Posts, 1]

Department commander-----CHARLES A. HEYER,⁴ St. Johnsburg.
Senior vice department commander-----CHARLES EMERSON, Lyme, N. H.
Assistant adjutant general-----

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George P. Foster,² 1869.
 W. W. Henry,² 1870-71.
 W. G. Veasey,² 1872-73.
 Stephen Thomas,² 1874-75.
 J. H. Goulding,² 1878-79.
 G. W. Hooker,² 1880-81.
 A. B. Valentine,² 1882-83.
 C. C. Kinsman,² 1884.
 W. L. Greenleaf,² 1885.
 G. T. Childs,² 1886.
 P. D. Blodgett,² 1887.
 H. E. Taylor,² 1888.
 A. S. Tracy,² 1889.
 Z. M. Mansur,² 1890.
 D. L. Morgan,² 1891.
 H. Henry,² 1892.
 G. W. Doty,² 1893.
 C. F. Branch,² 1894.

B. Cannon, Jr.,² 1895.
 N. M. Puffer,² 1896.
 E. W. Jewett,² 1897.
 L. B. Harris,² 1898.
 F. G. Butterfield,² 1899.
 U. A. Woodbury,² 1900.
 J. H. Lucia,² 1901.
 R. E. Hathorn,² 1902.
 Frank Kenfield,² 1903.
 J. E. Eldredge,² 1904.
 S. H. Wood,² 1905 (see Florida).
 J. A. Sheldon,² 1906.
 A. C. Brown,² 1907.
 C. E. Beach,² 1908 (see Florida).
 A. B. Franklin,² 1909.
 E. J. Foster,² 1910.
 C. M. Ferrin,² 1911.
 A. A. Niles,² 1912.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

VERMONT (13)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Thomas Hannon, ² 1913.	A. C. Stoughton, ² 1926.
Edward Baker, ² 1914.	L. P. Butts, ² 1927.
George P. Martin, ² 1915.	W. H. Pierce, ² 1928.
H. C. Streeter, ² 1916.	J. H. Amadon, ² 1929.
C. T. S. Pierce, ² 1917-18.	W. W. Holden, ² 1930.
A. T. Woodward, ² 1919.	W. T. Reed, ² 1931.
L. W. Bush, ² 1920.	Charles Heyer, ⁴ St. Johnsbury, 1932.
John R. Wilson, ² 1921.	John Amadon, ² 1933.
Charles H. Cota, ² 1922.	Harvey S. Powers, ² 1934-37 (died in office).
C. H. Granger, ² 1923.	Charles A. Heyer, ⁴ St. Johnsbury, 1938-39.
C. H. Stone, ² 1924.	
W. W. Martin, ² 1925.	
C. S. Palmer, ² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.	

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)

[Organized December 23, 1871. Membership, December 31, 1939, 2. Posts, 1]

Department commander----- CORNELIUS GARNER, Norfolk, Va.
Assistant adjutant general----- CHARLES GRANDY,^{1 4} Norfolk, Va.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William W. Eaton, ² 1874.	H. W. Weiss, ² 1896.
William H. Appenzeller, ² 1875-76.	James W. Stebbins, ² 1897.
William Ryder, ² 1877.	James M. Davis, ² 1898 (see Pennsylvania).
R. G. Staples, ² 1878.	John W. Rutter, ² 1899.
Richard Bond, ² 1879.	A. B. Heistand, ² 1900.
A. B. Hurlburt, ² 1880.	Peter Morton, ² 1901.
W. Hervey King, ² 1881.	C. D. Grew, ² 1902.
P. T. Woodfin, ² 1882-83.	H. M. Haas, ² 1903.
B. C. Cook, ² 1884.	J. C. Fowler, ² 1904.
H. De B. Clay, ² 1885-86.	Isaac Powell, ² 1905.
John W. Woodman, ² 1887-88.	D. R. Wilson, ² 1906 (see New York).
R. P. Wheeler, ² 1889.	A. A. Hager, ² 1907.
N. J. Smith, ² 1890.	Thomas Fogarty, ² 1908.
H. D. Nichols, ² 1891.	Frank M. Work, ² 1909.
Edgar Allen, ² 1892.	Charles H. Haber, ² 1910-27 (died in office).
W. Whitcomb, ² 1893.	Charles Grandy, ^{1 4} Norfolk, 1927-33.
J. G. Fulton, ² 1894.	Cornelius Garner, ⁵ Norfolk, 1934-39.
James E. Porter, ² 1895 (see Pennsylvania).	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Department commander.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1939, 30. Posts, 15]

Department commander----- RUSTAN O. REED,¹ Seattle.
Senior vice department commander----- S. B. TIFT, Everett.
Junior vice department commander----- Z. L. GILBERT, Seattle.
Assistant adjutant general----- BRIGHAM BUSWELL, Seattle.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, ² provisional, 1878-82.	F. H. Hurd, ² 1911.
George D. Hill, ² 1883.	R. R. Harding, ² 1912.
H. A. Morrow, ² 1884.	J. E. Stewart, ² 1913.
A. M. Brooks, ² 1885.	H. R. Gale, ² 1914.
C. M. Holton, ² 1886.	H. W. North, ² 1915.
A. P. Curry, ² 1887.	J. E. Gandy, ² 1916.
J. W. Sprague, ² 1888.	John J. See, ² 1917 (see California and Nevada).
C. S. Cosgrove, ² 1889.	S. F. Street, ² 1918.
M. M. Holmes, ² 1890.	A. A. Stevens, ² 1919.
D. G. Lovell, ² 1891.	O. D. McDonald, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
J. Sox Brown, ² 1892.	J. H. Coffman, ² 1921.
J. F. Sinclair, ² 1893.	Enoch Sears, ² 1922.
J. N. Scott, ² 1894.	W. P. Cragin, ² 1923 (died in office).
Norman Buck, ² 1895.	John A. Harris, ² 1923.
C. T. Patterson, ² 1896.	A. P. Lawrence, ² 1924.
J. F. McLean, ² 1897.	William J. Baker, ² 1925.
George W. Tibbetts, ² 1898.	J. H. Shaw, ² 1926.
J. W. Langley, ² 1899.	Byron Phelps, ² 1927.
B. R. Freeman, ² 1900.	Henry P. Burdick, ² 1928.
H. A. Bigelow, ² 1901.	Willis Richardson, ² 1929.
B. C. Bedell, ² 1902.	W. W. Work, ² 1930.
T. H. Cavanaugh, ² 1903.	R. W. Black, ² 1931.
F. M. Davis, ² 1904 (see California and Nevada).	T. F. Coley, ² 1932.
J. T. Goss, ² 1905.	Rustan O. Reed, ^{1 3} Seattle, 1933-34.
C. B. Dunning, ² 1906.	D. L. Crossen, ² 1935.
W. H. Mock, ² 1907.	George L. Foster, Seattle, 1936.
George H. Boardman, ² 1908.	L. A. Wilcox, ¹ Retsil, 1937.
Lyman Banks, ² 1909.	Rustan O. Reed, ^{1 3} Seattle, 1938-39.
W. H. Wiscombe, ² 1910 (see California and Nevada).	

John E. Phelps,² 1889, transferred from Missouri.
 E. A. Shores,² 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Department commander.

WEST VIRGINIA (28)

[Organized April 9, 1868; reorganized February 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1939, 13. Posts, 7]

Department commander----- A. T. McMURRAY,⁴ Washington.
Senior vice department commander----- WILLIAM SATOW, Parkersburg.
Junior vice department commander----- ELI HUGGINS, Moundsville.
Assistant adjutant general----- SIMEON AUSTIN, Morgantown.

REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph Pyles, Bridgeport, Ohio.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick, ² 1883.	J. L. Caldwell, ² 1910.
C. B. Smith, ² 1884.	Thomas V. Salisbury, ² 1911.
John Carlin, ² 1885.	E. A. Billingslea, ² 1912.
G. W. Taggart, ² 1886.	John M. Millan, ² 1913.
Lee Haymond, ² 1887.	T. G. Hammond, ² 1914.
R. E. Fleming, ² 1888.	C. T. Reed, ² 1915.
S. S. Hazen, ² 1889.	James T. Piggott, ² 1916.
George Walker, ² 1890.	S. R. Hanen, ² 1917.
I. H. Duval, ² 1891.	W. T. Cox, ² 1918.
Charles E. Anderson, ² 1892.	L. B. Moore, ² 1919.
Anthony Smith, ² 1893.	W. S. Grafton, ² 1920.
F. H. Crago, ² 1894.	H. S. White, ² 1921.
R. E. Lee, ² 1895.	W. S. Clark, ² 1922.
R. H. Freer, ² 1896.	T. S. Bonar, ² 1923.
Thomas A. Maulsby, ² 1897.	W. W. Rogers, ² 1924.
Richard Robertson, ² 1898.	Smith Risinger, ² 1925.
Charles R. LeValley, ² 1899.	William Keely, ² 1926.
Arnold Brandley, ² 1900.	P. Dunsmoor, ² 1927.
M. B. Bartlett, ² 1901.	W. W. Riley, ² 1928.
C. C. Mathews, ² 1902.	J. T. McCombs, ² 1929.
Alex C. Moore, ² 1903.	Thomas Carder, ² 1930.
O. H. Michaelson, ² 1904.	S. W. Coffee, ² 1931-32.
J. W. Shroyer, ² 1905.	William H. Morris, ² 1933 (died in office).
Thomas M. Mills, ² 1906.	Joseph M. Smith, ² 1933-34.
I. M. Adams, ² 1907.	William M. Smith, ² 1935-36.
Thomas H. Marks, ² 1908.	William Satow, ³ Parkersburg, 1937.
D. Mayer, ² 1909.	A. T. McMurray, ⁴ Washington, 1938-39.

² Deceased.

³ Senior vice department commander.

⁴ Department commander.

WISCONSIN (2)

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1939, 27. Posts, 9]

Department commander-----BALTHASAR REGLI,¹ Eau Claire.
 Senior vice department commander-----JOSEPH MILLER,¹ Richland Center.
 Junior vice department commander-----JAMES F. JONES, Oconomowoc.
 Assistant adjutant general-----W. P. BRYANT,^{1 4} Milwaukee.

REPRESENTATIVES

John Miller,¹ Oseo.
 Lawrence Snyder, Wonewoc.

ALTERNATES

Henry Alexander, Baraboo.
 Oscar Hurlburt, Baraboo.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit,² 1866.
 H. A. Starr,² 1867.
 J. M. Rusk,² 1868.
 T. S. Allen,² 1869-70.
 Edward Ferguson,² 1871-72.
 A. J. McCoy,² 1873.
 G. A. Hanaford,² 1874-75.
 John Hancock,² 1876.
 H. G. Rogers,² 1877.
 F. S. Hammond,² 1878.
 Griff J. Thomas, 1879-81 (see Nebraska).
 H. M. Enos,² 1882.
 Philip Cheek,² 1883-84.
 James Davidson,² 1885.
 Lucius Fairchild,² 1886.
 H. P. Fisher,² 1886.
 Michael Griffin,² 1887.
 A. G. Weissert,² 1888.
 L. Ferguson,² 1889.
 Benjamin F. Bryant,² 1890.
 W. H. Upham,² 1891.
 C. B. Welton,² 1892.
 E. A. Shores,² 1893 (see Washington
 and Alaska).
 J. A. Watrous,² 1894.
 W. D. Hoard,² 1895.
 D. Lloyd Jones,² 1896.
 E. B. Gray,² 1897.
 C. H. Russell,² 1898.
 Henry Harnden,² 1899.
 S. H. Talmadge,² 1899.
 David J. James,² 1900.
 A. H. DeGroff,² 1901 (see California
 and Nevada).
 J. H. Agen,² 1902.
 J. P. Rungle,² 1903.
 Pliny Norcross,² 1904.

F. A. Copeland,² 1905.
 John W. Ganes,² 1906.
 John C. Martin,² 1907.
 E. D. Coe,² 1908 (died in office).
 R. B. Lang,² 1909.
 William H. Grinnell,² 1909.
 Frank A. Walsh,² 1910.
 Hiram J. Smith,² 1911.
 George W. Spratt,² 1912.
 Charles H. Henry,² 1913.
 Samuel A. Cook,² 1914.
 W. J. McKay,² 1915.
 O. L. Rosenkraus,² 1916.
 W. A. Wyse,² 1917.
 George D. Breed,² 1918.
 Robert R. Campbell,² 1919.
 Walter O. Pietsch,² 1920.
 M. L. Snyder,² 1921.
 James F. Carle,² 1922.
 Alfred S. Eaton,² 1923.
 George W. Morton,² 1924.
 Henry Hase,² 1925.
 Henry Stannard,² 1926.
 Henry C. Eaton,² 1927.
 G. H. Pounder,² 1928.
 Lloyd D. Sampson,² 1929.
 John H. Hellweg,² 1930.
 W. H. Chesbrough,² 1931.
 George L. Thomas,² 1932.
 Henry Held,² 1933.
 Thaddeus Sheerin,² 1934.
 Charles M. Hambright,² 1935.
 Charles F. Moulton,² 1936.
 W. P. Bryant,^{1 4} Milwaukee, 1937.
 John Hart,² 1938.
 A. R. Kibbe,¹ New Richmond, 1939.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

C. L. Hooker, Virginia, Minn., 1929.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

MEMBERS AT LARGE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

George T. Leech,³ Baltimore, Md., past department commander, 1919-35, Department of Maryland.

John N. Young, Baltimore, Md., past senior vice department commander, 1938, Department of Maryland.

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M. H. Davidson, Kentucky.

Departments in order of seniority, according to dates of permanent organizations, as heretofore announced

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina	July 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina	May 20, 1892
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming	Dec. 11, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; named changed to Colorado and Wyoming	Aug. 28, 1889
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1867; reorganized	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota	Feb. 27, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; named changed to South Dakota	Apr. 11, 1890
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico ¹	July 14, 1883
33	Utah	Oct. 9, 1883
34	Tennessee ¹	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi ¹	May 15, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi	June 13, 1888
36	Florida	June 19, 1884
37	Montana ¹	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona ¹	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina ¹	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma	Apr. 7, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma	July 3, 1891
45	Indian Territory	Do.
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma, May 19-22, 1908.	

¹ Charter surrendered.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ENCAMPMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 8 TO 12, 1940

The Seventy-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the ballroom of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill., at 2:15 p. m. on Wednesday, September 11, 1940, Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson, of Washington, Pa., presiding.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. There is a greetings committee wants to come in.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. I have the very great honor to present a committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans (Katie E. Carr, of Pennsylvania, past national president; Jean B. Thompson, of Illinois, past national president; and Emma Warren, of Massachusetts, past department president).

Mrs. CARR. Commander in Chief Anderson and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled here, we of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans are very happy to extend our greetings and best wishes. We want you to know that anything that the Grand Army of the Republic wants we are yours to command. [Applause.] We love you all, and you have our very, very best wishes, and we hope that you can get together for many years to come. I have a little gift from the sisters of our national body—this bouquet of flowers to you, Commander in Chief. It is a gift from our department. And this is a little gift from our national president. While she did not have the opportunity of meeting with you so many times, nevertheless she sends this gift with her love and best wishes.

Mrs. THOMPSON. Commander in Chief, I can only add a few words to what has already been said. We do not want to take up your valuable time, and we have a lot to do in our convention. We certainly wish for you a most wonderful convention and a very happy one, and we hope to see you for many years to come.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I will ask Comrade Martin to respond.

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. We are proud of you. One of these ladies was national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans the year that I was commander in chief, and we had a wonderful year together. They have come to bring their greetings to us, and we are proud of them. We want them to take back to their organization the love and friendship of the Grand Army of the Republic. We do love them and we enjoy them, and we would like to do something for them if they would ask us what they want us to do. We want to thank these girls for coming today and taking part in our work.

(The committee retired.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrade Rownd, bring in the committee from the Daughters of Veterans.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. With pleasure I present these Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Helen Tannenbaum, of Pennsylvania; Bertha Dawson, of Illinois; Esther Schooler, of Ohio; Edith Pride Elliott, of Florida; and Mae Woodman, of California.) This is Helen Tannenbaum, of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. TANNENBAUM. Commander in Chief Anderson from Pennsylvania, I cannot tell you how much pride I have in coming here this afternoon in place of Sister Anne Raeyling, another one of your sisters and a past national president. We know you are just beginning in your meeting, and we are not going to hold you. This is a precious moment in my life. I am overcome with emotion. Here is a present for you from the organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and all the love of each and every one, and the personal love of Bertha M. Droz, national president.

Mrs. DAWSON. I am Bertha Dawson, department president of the Daughters of Illinois. I am very happy to greet you, and wish for you a very successful and harmonious convention.

Mrs. SCHOOLER. This is Mrs. Schooler, from Ohio. I am representing a woman that I feel is known by the Grand Army of the Republic all over the United States, Doris B. Merryman. She asked me to bring greetings in her place. I want to say that we want our comrades to know that we love them and that we would do anything in the world for them. This is a special privilege, Commander, an honor to bring greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, especially under these circumstances. Your commander in chief elected last year served in the same regiment as my father, the Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteers in Company C, and enlisted in my city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and last year he said to me when we entertained him in Cincinnati, Ohio, "I want you to be sure to come to my convention next year." Well, I am here, but he is not here. But I am sure that he is here in spirit, Commander. And I bring you the love and the greetings, not only of the national body, but of the Ohio Department from which your late commander enlisted.

Mrs. ELLIOTT. I represent the Daughters of the Department of Florida. My father, J. M. Pride, left a soldier State and went to St. Cloud, Fla. We bring you greetings from the Florida Daughters.

Mrs. WOODMAN. I am Mae Woodman, past department president from California. I see Comrade Dumser sitting down there. He is daddy of my own tent in California. And I see Comrade Martin also from California. Maybe some of the others are here. This is the thrill that comes once in a lifetime, not only to come here to Springfield, Ill., but when Sister Bertha Droz placed my name on the greetings committee to the Grand Army of the Republic. I certainly am thrilled to be here today to greet you. (Pinning flower on commander in chief.) These are the poppies that grow wild. These are paper, but they are a replica of the poppies that grow wild in our fields in California. I thank you.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrade Martin, will you reply to these ladies?

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. One, at least, of these ladies, is from California. I don't know about the others. We are de-

lighted to have these ladies come and bring us their greetings. We know you have been doing a wonderful work for 50 years for these old comrades—doing it a lot better than they have done it. You are the ones we are looking to to lead us on for the last days. You look as though you could do it. We are delighted to receive these girls today and give them our love and friendship and the best wishes that can possibly come from the Grand Army of the Republic for them for happiness and joy.

(The committee retired.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, please come to order now. I will ask the chaplain in chief to invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief JOSHUA C. PEARCE. Almighty Father, humbly we bow before Thee, our Creator, Preserver, Guide, and Protector. We thank Thee for our lives, for Thy mercy which has attended us unto this hour, for Thy guidance on land and on sea, by day and by night, for Thy constant care in the hour of danger, and for the preservation of our national integrity and unity.

Be gracious and near to those of our comrades who suffer from disease or wounds, and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in our holy cause. To all in distress, comfort them and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Bless our country. Grant that the memory of our noble dead, who freely gave their lives for the land they loved, may dwell ever in our hearts. Bless our order. Make it an instrument of great good. Keep our names on the roll of Thy servants and at last receive us into the Grand Army above where Thou, O God, art the Supreme Commander. Amen.

Secretary KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD. Comrades, there is a gentleman here who wishes to make a presentation.

Mr. J. A. LANDON, of Springfield, Ill. Mr. Commander in Chief of that grand Old Grand Army, and gentlemen of that same Army, I have spoken before some 250 organizations this year, the good old year of 1940, and I want to say to you that I have never had the thrill before any audience that I have right now. The Grand Army has always held a warm place in my affection. My father was a Union soldier, but he never affiliated with the Grand Army. That was one of the regrets of my boyhood, and I regret it yet. I have always been just a little bit envious of the Grand Army. I was born 2 years after the assassination. All these Grand Army boys—and they were boys when I first knew them—had lived contemporarily with Lincoln. They had walked this earth when he did, and many of them saw him. That was never my privilege.

In speaking of Lincoln—let me talk just a minute. I won't keep you long, but I do want to say a few words about Lincoln and that period of his life from 1836 to 1865. In 1836 Lincoln was a member of the General Assembly of Illinois. That State capital at that time was located in Vandalia. Lincoln and others, 8 others, constituting the "long 9" because all of them were over 6 feet, had labored long and successfully in getting the removal of the seat of government of this State from Vandalia to Springfield. Springfield at that time was right in the middle of the biggest swamp in North America. Much fun was poked at the State legislature for locating their new capitol in this big swamp.

However, in 1837—and we have a member in the hall who was born that same year—1837, 103 years ago—the cornerstone was laid for the new capitol building in the heart of Springfield, then a village. That rock came from what is called Red Springs, 6 miles south of the city; was hauled here in ox carts from that quarry. The State paid a dollar a load for that rock. The building was designed by a baker of bread, buns, pies, cake, and so forth. He was not an architect, but a close, careful and conscientious student of classical architecture.

When the building was completed Abraham Lincoln sat in the legislature there. He appeared before the supreme court there in that building and argued cases. And in 1858 at a session of State legislature he enunciated the principle that a house divided against itself cannot stand. He held many public receptions in that building in the campaign of 1860. And when he was assassinated that body of his was brought back to the only home he had ever known, Springfield, to lie in state in what was then the hall of representatives, now Sangamon County's courtroom.

Now all of this has given every inch of this building a historical significance that makes it priceless. In 1939 in February it was discovered that the west gable cornice was sinking and they erected a scaffolding that remained there for 2 months. Carpenters got up there and made an examination and found that repairs had to be made, and some 42 pieces of wood were taken out and replaced. It was all black walnut. They didn't know anything but black walnut back in those days of 1837. Those pieces had to be replaced with new wood.

I had a number of friends around the courthouse, Judge Benjamin DeBoice, Edgar L. Crane, clerk of the circuit court, Roy Dickerson, county auditor—all these and others gathered up this wood as it hit the ground and they kept it for me, knowing that I would do something with it. But I could not think for a time what I would do with it. I had an opportunity to sell it. A fountain pen company wanted to buy it to make fountain pen sets for sale at \$35 each with my certificate on it as to genuineness. There was another firm came along that wanted to make it up into gavels and sell them. I said, "Well, we won't do that."

So I started to do something with it, and I have made it up into 301 gavels. There can be no more, never will be any more of that wood. And instead of selling them I gave them away. I had opportunities to sell lots of them. I had opportunities to sell the gavel I am going to present here in a few minutes, today. I can sell it yet. But I preferred to give it away. I get something by giving them away that is wholly mine. I hope everybody here understands that. I get something. I will get the love of my fellow men because I love them. If I had a piece of the cross that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified on and you would convince me that you subscribed to the teachings of that Man I would not sell you a sliver of that cross; I would gladly give you a sliver of it. I do not think such things as that should be sold. No price can be put on them. They are valuable.

Now the Revere House, a house built in 1820 by Capt. E. S. Johnson, on the corner of Fourth and Washington Streets in this city, Abraham Lincoln lived there for a time and maintained an office for

a year and a half on the second floor. The Stehman Wrecking Co. of this city wrecked that old building a few years ago, and, friends of mine, as nearly every one is, they gave me the stairway. No man climbed to the second floor without touching the hand rail somewhere. Therefore, Abraham Lincoln's hand has been on that wood there.

This is from the court house, this head. It has on one end "G. A. R. Encampment, 1940, A. T. Anderson." On the other end my name, and I mean by signing or marking my name on it just exactly what sterling means to a piece of silver. "Springfield, Ill." is also on it.

In addition to that—I don't just make gavels, but I give a certificate here notarized in the court house by the clerk of the circuit court, E. L. Crane, carrying a number corresponding to the number on the gavel. This certificate is suitable for framing. It is on good paper, nicely typed.

And now, Mr. Commander in Chief Anderson, it is my pleasure, my great pleasure to place in your hands wood that Abraham Lincoln's hand rested on, and with it a certification of its genuineness; and my love will continue to go out to the grand old Grand Army of the Republic as long as I live and as long as there is any Grand Army.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic I return our sincere thanks for this gavel placed in my hand, being a memento of Abraham Lincoln, beloved President that we all loved and respected. Every Grand Army man loved Abraham Lincoln. So we return to you our sincere thanks for this beautiful present. We shall keep it and use it as you wish us to use it.

Mr. LANDON. You don't know how welcome you are, sir. I want to say further that I have preserved six of these gavels for future commanders in chief of the G. A. R. (Applause.)

Secretary FLOOD. There is a greetings committee in waiting.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Admit them.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY (E. C. Skinner, of Chicago, a member of the Sons of Veterans). I have the honor to present Mary Todd Lincoln Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, Springfield, Ill., with greetings. (The delegation was composed of Miss Ruth DeFrates, Mrs. Irene DeFrates, Miss Bertha Biggs, Mrs. Anna Martin, Mrs. Ella Garrison, Mrs. Birdie Farris, Mrs. Mary Benewitz, Mrs. Dorothy Havenar, Mrs. Georgia Williams, Mrs. Dorothy Barrett, Mrs. Mattie Milner, and Mrs. Myrtle Smith.)

Miss DEFRADES. Commander in Chief, we come to you with greetings from our local tent of the Daughters. We wish for you a very happy and harmonious convention and a lovely stay while you are in our city. If there is anything the Daughters can do to make your visit here any pleasanter we would be happy to do it. These are the Daughters from the local Tent.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrade Rownd, will you respond to these ladies?

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. I esteem it as a very great honor and an appropriate opportunity to respond to this greeting of this committee. It is an honor to respond to any committee that can come before this organization. We appreciate your friendship more than any other organization. We have their sympathy.

We have their deep interest. And they are doing everything that they can for this organization. We are glad to have them here today. God bless them and bless them in their work. This bouquet that you see is one of the most beautiful things in nature. There is nothing that God ever made so beautiful that cannot express its own appreciation of its beauty or smell, its fragrance. God bless them and keep them. I hope that your work may progress and that this may be the best year in the history of your splendid organization.

MISS DEFRADES. We appreciate also all that the secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic has done for us during the past year and this package is for Katharine.

Secretary FLOOD. Sister Ruth, I have done nothing that I would not be glad to do for any Daughter working for our comrades, and if I have been of any help I am glad. Thank you.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNER. I would like to say a word to these ladies. As Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War I want to tell you in song and rhythm just what the comrades think and how much they love the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Singing "Let Us Call You Sweethearts.")

(The committee retired.)

Secretary FLOOD. There is a greetings committee here from Tanner Circle and Reed Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., of Springfield.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Officer of the Day, bring in the committee.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have pleasure in introducing Mrs. Maud Chittick, president of John R. Tanner Circle, No. 54; Mrs. Lucy DeSilva, president of George W. Reed Circle, No. 74; and Mrs. Sara Belle Gibson, John R. Tanner Circle, No. 54.

Mrs. CHITTICK. Commander in chief and comrades, I am very happy to be able to bring the greetings to you today from the two circles of Springfield, John R. Tanner Circle, No. 54, and Geo. W. Reed Circle, No. 74. I am not going to take any time. I know you are tired. I want to present the president of Reed Circle, Mrs. Lucy DeSilva, and I also want to present Mrs. Sara Belle Gibson. I suppose most all of you remember Mr. Frank Gibson, as he was senior vice commander of the Sons of Union Veterans and he was the one that had the national convention brought to Springfield. He did more work on that than anyone else at Pittsburgh. I want to present Mrs. Gibson, who will talk to you.

Mrs. GIBSON. This is one of the greatest honors that I have ever had given to me in my life, and it gives me great pleasure to greet you as a Daughter and as a Lady of the G. A. R. in your convention. I wish for you a successful convention and a safe journey home. And in behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army I bring to you a little gift, and we thank you.

Mrs. DESILVA. National commander in chief and comrades, I think this is the happiest and the proudest moment of my life to have the privilege of bringing greetings to you from John R. Tanner Circle, No. 54, and Geo. W. Reed Circle, No. 74, Ladies of the G. A. R. I hope you will all have a safe journey home and a pleasant convention.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Ladies, take back to your organizations my sincere thanks for this gift, and tell them that we accept it. We accept this gift and wish for you your welfare in the future. Comrade Martin, will you respond to these ladies?

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we have a greetings committee here from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, from the local circles, and they carry our name. They are the only ones that really have our name, and we are proud of their work. Wherever we go they have been serving us, as I said to another organization, for 50 years. But these girls don't look to be 50 years old, so they must be some of the younger generation that has continued this organization. The young people are taking an interest not only in the Grand Army of the Republic but in the interests of our country, and are helping not only our own organization but the patriotism, the real patriotism, of our country, and we are delighted to have them here today. But when you can turn around and see them then you begin to warm up. But I want to thank them for coming today, and for the work and help and service that they have been to the Grand Army of the Republic, and I would like to shake hands with you.

Mrs. CHITTICK. I want to say one more thing. We have taken in 12 women in the two circles this year, and I have 8 more applications. Tanner Circle and Reed Circle are still going to carry on and are going to the top. They will always carry on.

(The committee retired.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I hope we are through with these greetings committees so we can get down to business now. This is the seventy-fourth annual encampment, opened for business to come before it. Comrades, I am simply filling out in place of our dear deceased comrade. I hope if I make any mistakes you will look over them. The next on the program is calling the roll of officers.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. We haven't heard from the credentials committee yet to know who is qualified to vote.

Secretary FLOOD. The next order of business is the calling of the roll. [After calling the roll of Officers] Commander in Chief, all officers have reported for duty but the adjutant general. The quartermaster general was mustered out last Friday.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Report of the credentials committee.

Secretary FLOOD. (reading):

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., *September, 11, 1940.*

The committee on credentials met Monday morning and again on Tuesday morning and received credentials from 30 Departments. The Departments of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Maryland, Potomac, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia have no representatives attending the encampment.

The net voting strength of the encampment as shown by the printed roll, is 276. The voting membership of this encampment as reported to the credentials committee is 105.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
FRANK E. COOLEY,
T. J. NOLL,
BYRON W. JOSLIN,
Committee

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. What shall we do with the report of the committee on credentials?

Comrade JOHN H. STONE, of Indiana. I move that it be received and placed on file. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the committee on credentials. The question is called for. All in favor of adopting the report of the committee on credentials will give their consent by saying "Aye." Contrary, "No." So ordered. Calling the roll of members.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, it is customary to pass the calling of the roll of members, because we do not have the individual names. The next order of business is the reading of your report. Do you want the shorthand reporter to read it for you?

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Yes.

(Whereupon the shorthand reporter read to the encampment the address of the Commander in Chief, as follows, the senior vice commander in chief taking the chair:)

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

In the closing week of August 1939 the seventy-third national encampment, meeting in the hospitable city of Pittsburgh, Pa., chose the officers who were to guide the Grand Army of the Republic for the coming year. Commander in Chief John E. Andrew was happy over his election and also because he looked forward to presiding in his encampment in the capital city of the State in which he had lived since 1868. His comrades, too, were pleased at the choice of Springfield, since it would afford them an opportunity to visit again the tomb of their immortal leader, President Abraham Lincoln.

Today John E. Andrew is marching on the other shore with that vast unseen army of Lincoln's "Boys" just a little ahead of the rest of us. May we in our deliberations in this encampment merit the praise of this shadowy army as we pray "Lord God of hosts be with us, yet, lest we forget, lest we forget."

Commander in Chief Andrew went from Pittsburgh to Springfield to arrange for national headquarters. For a time it seemed as if no place could be found until Senator Earl B. Searcy appealed to Lt. Gov. John Stelle to assign a Senate committee room, since it was not expected there would be a session of the Legislature. We appreciate the interest of these younger veterans in our behalf.

The first official invitation received by Commander Andrew came from the American Legion to be a guest at the national convention in Chicago. Weary, however, after his activities in the national encampment, he detailed Adjutant General Thomas Ambrose to represent him. October 3 the Lincoln Club of Fairfield, Wayne County, Ill., unveiled a memorial tablet to Abraham Lincoln. This county was the first county in the United States to endorse Abraham Lincoln for President. The Governor of Vermont was the principal speaker, and Comrade Andrew was particularly impressed by the large number of children there. He was told that every pupil in Wayne County was present.

October 11, he went with the department committees of the allied organizations on their annual inspection of the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Quincy, where he had been commandant for 8 years. October 26 he went to Ohio where he was tendered a reception and banquet by the Grand Army and its affiliated bodies on October 30. On October 31 he attended a district convention of the

Woman's Relief Corps. During this visit to Ohio he visited the house in Westboro, Ohio, in which he was born June 6, 1849, 5 months after the death of his father, and which had been built by his grandfather many years before. November 1 he met at Grand Army headquarters in Cincinnati with the members of the Grand Army and the Ladies of the G. A. R. and returned home the next day.

November 11 he attended in Chicago the Armistice Day celebration of the American Legion and rode in the Legion parade with his Grand Army comrades and then was entertained with them at a luncheon given by the management of Weibolt's store. On November 19 he attended the observance of the seventy-sixth anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address held by the Department of Illinois, Ladies of the G. A. R. December 6 he attended an entertainment given by the Quincy Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for the needy children of Quincy.

Early in November Commander in Chief Andrew was invited by the Blue and Gray Cradle Association of Montgomery, Ala., to be their guest at the annual Blue and Gray football game on December 30. They offered to pay his expenses and those of an attendant from Illinois to Montgomery and return, and said they had also invited General Howell, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans. They sent a check to cover all expenses of Commander in Chief Andrew, and on December 28 he left St. Louis accompanied by Miss Flood. The next morning when the train arrived at Birmingham, M. D. Friedman, a past department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, who has been secretary of the Department of Alabama, Grand Army of the Republic, for several years, came on the train to bring the greetings of the two Birmingham comrades who did not feel able to venture out in the cold rain. He brought with him a reporter, and a photographer, and the Birmingham paper carried a lengthy account of the interview and a photograph of Comrade Andrew. While breakfasting, General and Mrs. Howell came into the dining car and were seated across the aisle and the two commanders in chief met for the first time. At Montgomery, Mr. Champ Pickens, representing Mayor Gunter, who was ill, met them and took them to the hotel where the State president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the presidents of the chapters in Montgomery met them to extend the greetings of their organization and to be hostesses at a luncheon. After lunch they took the visitors for a ride around the city and to the capitol where Commander in Chief Andrew placed a wreath on the Confederate veterans' monument, having ordered the wreath before leaving Quincy. Saturday morning both commanders in chief reviewed the parade in which there were some very beautiful floats. That afternoon they were taken to the stadium to witness the football game between picked stars from northern colleges on the Blue team and from southern colleges on the Gray team. The Gray team won the game, but Commander in Chief Andrew remarked, "Well, we won once when it counted." That evening a pageant covering the history of the city was given in the municipal auditorium. In the winter of 1939 the State of Iowa returned to the State of Alabama a Confederate battle flag captured by an Iowa regiment during the Civil War. This was

depicted in the closing scene of the pageant. Just before the close, Commander in Chief Andrew was escorted to the rear of the auditorium by a member of the American Legion. As they went up the aisle that vast audience, rose to its feet and cheered and cheered our commander in chief. Then with a Boy Scout carrying the Confederate flag, Commander Andrew was escorted to the stage where General Howell appeared from the wings and Commander Andrew returned to him the Alabama flag. The audience literally went wild, and the curtain was lowered as the two veterans clasped hands. The next day many residents of the city called on Commander in Chief Andrew to thank him for visiting them and urged him to come again. That evening he and the secretary started for home. The commander was impressed by the fact that during his visit he saw but one Confederate flag in Montgomery.

January 24 Adjutant General Thomas Ambrose and Quartermaster General M. H. Davidson met Commander in Chief Andrew in Springfield, Ill., to arrange for the National Encampment. Also present to arrange for their respective conventions were Mrs. Elfie F. Carroll, national president, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Frances M. Haskell, national president, Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Bertha M. Droz, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. January 25 the encampment committee tendered the visitors a luncheon. That evening the Grand Army organizations tendered the visitors a reception in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. On the morning of the 26th they were taken in cars sent from the State House, to Lincoln's Tomb where they placed a wreath. That evening the officers previously mentioned, Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, national secretary, and Mrs. Alice Larson, national senior aide, Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Ralph R. Barrett and Miss Flood left for Chicago. On Saturday, January 27, Judge James W. Willett, judge advocate general, joined them and that evening all were the guests of the Department of Illinois at a reception and banquet in the Hotel Sherman, the attendance being the largest for many years.

Sunday the party left for Washington, D. C., having been joined by Mrs. Daisy Heineman, past department president, Woman's Relief Corps, of Milwaukee, Wis., past national presidents Clara F. Hoover, Lola S. Elliott, and Hazel L. Riley, and Mrs. Stanley Nelson and Mrs. Beatrice Arcus of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

The evening of January 29, the Daughters of Union Veterans gave a reception in honor of Commander in Chief Andrew and Mrs. Bertha M. Droz at the national headquarters in Washington. Tuesday the commander in chief and secretary attended the department encampment of the Department of Potomac held in the home of Mrs. Moree L. McElroy. Although but three comrades were present, the regular order of business was strictly followed, officers were elected and Commander in Chief Andrew then installed them. Wednesday evening the opening meeting of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense was held, and Commander Andrew was seated with other distinguished guests on the platform and introduced to the audience. Thursday evening he was the guest of National President Elfie

F. Carroll at the patriotic defense banquet. When introduced, he took exception to the remarks of the two speakers of the evening, saying, "I fought in a Civil War; not a War Between the States," and was loudly applauded. Friday evening he was a guest of the Department of Potomac, Woman's Relief Corps, at the department encampment banquet. Saturday morning, February 2, accompanied by Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Haskell, Mrs. Droz, Dr. and Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Blackman and her national secretary, Mrs. Maude B. Warren, Commander in Chief Andrew left for Philadelphia, where a reception and dinner were tendered that afternoon by the Federated Patriotic Societies of that city. They went to the Adelphia Hotel for lunch, where the manager gave them two comfortable rooms in which to rest before leaving for the reception, and this courtesy was greatly appreciated. This was a most enthusiastic meeting, attended by about 300 members of the Grand Army family. Mrs. Margaret M. Sutch, secretary of the Federated Patriotic Societies, is to be congratulated on having arranged such a successful affair on short notice. After dinner was served, the party left for New York City, where we were greeted at the Pennsylvania Hotel by Miss Beatrice J. Tyson, past national president, Woman's Relief Corps, Julius Isaacs, department secretary, Sons of Union Veterans, and members of the other organizations. Sunday afternoon the auxiliary and allied organizations held a most enthusiastic meeting in the Hotel Pennsylvania, followed by a supper. Only seven comrades were able to attend. Later all were taken to Radio City for a broadcast, Commander Andrew asking to be excused because of weariness. Monday morning Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia sent cars for the party, and an official call was made on the mayor, after which he sent the party for a ride to see the city, the World's Fair Grounds, and the new LaGuardia Airport. That afternoon the party separated, Mrs. Haskell leaving for Florida, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Campbell, and Mrs. Larson for Ohio, Dr. and Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Blackman, and Mrs. Warren for meetings in New England, and Mrs. Droz and Miss Flood accompanied Commander in Chief Andrew to Pittsburgh.

Wednesday, February 7, it was a pleasure to have Commander in Chief Andrew honored in my home city, Washington, Pa., by Tent No. 36, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the only Grand Army organization in my city. They tendered him a luncheon at noon in the George Washington Hotel and we were glad to have Mrs. Droz and Miss Flood also present. Thursday evening February 7 the organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic in Allegheny County held a reception and banquet for Commander in Chief Andrew in Memorial Hall, and it pleased him to be so honored in the city where he had been elected commander in chief. That night he and Miss Flood left for Illinois and Mrs. Droz for her home in Ohio. He had accepted the invitation of Stephenson Relief Corps of Springfield for the exercises at Lincoln's Tomb on February 12, and the dinner following, but because of a heavy cold decided it was wise to remain at home.

On April 6 he attended the annual banquet of the Cook County Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans in Hotel Sherman, Chicago. April 15 he attended the annual exercises held at Lincoln's tomb by the Department of Illinois, Daughters of Union Veterans of the

Civil War, and was a guest of Tent 48 at a dinner given that evening in Bergen Park Clubhouse.

April 17 he attended a dinner of 21 patriotic organizations at the St. Nicholas Hotel in Decatur. May 2 he started for California to attend the department encampment of California and Nevada in Long Beach. He was greatly pleased to find 36 comrades in attendance and on his return said it was most wonderful and best department encampment he had ever attended. He also said, "California gave me all it had, even an earthquake." He had hoped to attend the Nebraska encampment in Omaha the next week but could not get a Pullman reservation in time to reach there before they adjourned. He reached home May 25 and on May 30 delivered the Memorial Day address in Monticello.

June 3 to 6 he attended the encampment of the Department of Illinois at Joliet, going from there to Galesburg for a reception and dinner given in his honor on June 7 by the Shields Woman's Relief Corps. From June 9 to 13 he attended the department encampment of Iowa in Des Moines where he installed Comrade Thomas J. Noll as judge advocate general to succeed our late Comrade James W. Willett.

From Des Moines he went to Chicago, Ill., visiting Illinois headquarters on Department business and from there he went to Columbus, Ohio, for the department encampment from June 16 to 20. He spent Friday, June 21, at national headquarters in Springfield. While there he conferred with Col. John M. Tipton, chairman of the encampment parade committee, as to how the parade should be conducted; outlined to Secretary Flood what he proposed to stress in his report to the encampment and promised to send her complete notations on the matter. Thursday morning, June 27, she received these notes and while reading them received the phone message that he had been removed to the hospital and that there was no hope of his recovery. Friday, at the request of Mrs. Andrew, Miss Flood went to Quincy to consult with her on many important matters and before returning called at the hospital. Sunday morning, June 30, Commander in Chief Andrew was mustered out of the Grand Army of the Republic into the greater Grand Army on the other shore.

The funeral services were held in Monticello and were attended by friends not only from Illinois, but from Missouri and Indiana. Four comrades came from Chicago and the Grand Army service was given by Adjutant General Thomas Ambrose, National Patriotic Instructor John M. Stone of Kokomo, Ind., Department Commander Hiram Shumate of Riverton, Ill., Assistant Adjutant General James A. Quigley, and Comrades John Burke and Albert E. Gage of Chicago, and Comrade Joseph B. Henninger, assistant adjutant general of Indianapolis, Ind. Present also were the national presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and at the committal service in the cemetery they paid a tribute to their commander in chief. The commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic could not attend because they could not arrive from the west coast in time. Miss Flood secured six members of the Sons of Union Veterans in Springfield to act as pall bearers,

and two members of the Sons from Chicago carried the national and headquarters flags. All flags in Monticello were at half mast, and business ceased during the funeral. Roy Hamm Post, American Legion, of Monticello furnished the firing squad and bugler. Thus our comrade was laid to rest in the beautiful little city which he had formerly served as mayor for 12 years. Telegrams of condolence and floral pieces were received from all over the United States; among them a telegram from Mayor W. A. Gunter, of Montgomery, Ala., a wreath from the Blue and Gray Cradle Association of Montgomery and a spray of flowers, a personal tribute, from the national commander of the American Legion.

When Miss Flood notified me on June 28, 1940, to be prepared at any moment to take over the duties of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, I prayed in my humble way that our commander in chief, John E. Andrew, might be spared to complete the duties he had undertaken so courageously and fulfilled so conscientiously. With his passing on June 30, I bowed in submission to the will of the Almighty and was reminded of the words of Longfellow, "Do thy duty; that is best; leave unto the Lord the rest." Being fortified by that thought, I have assumed the duties thrust upon me.

For almost three-quarters of a century the Grand Army of the Republic has been instrumental in shaping the destiny of our country. Our leaders have always stood for what was right and, furthermore, they have always been right. We have, without fear or favor, guarded and upheld the ideals for which we fought from 1861 to 1865. Not for one moment have we relaxed our vigilance in preserving loyalty to our Constitution and flag, the emblem of our liberty. The younger leaders of our democracy may think and even say that we are dreamers of utopian ideals. Nevertheless, we are respected not because we have ever made concessions to those ideals, but because we have tenaciously insisted that the Grand Army of the Republic as well as our sons and daughters and all patriotic organizations be everlastingly vigilant in suppressing all enemies that seek from within or without to destroy our God-given liberties which are the heritage of our forefathers.

It is therefore with great respect that I can say with Henry Ward Beecher of Commander in Chief John E. Andrew's passing (as may well be said when we, too, pass on to our reward) :

When the sun goes below the horizon, he is not set; the heavens glow for a full hour after his departure. And when a great and good man sets, the sky of this world is luminous long after he is out of sight. Such a man cannot die out of this world. When he goes he leaves behind much of himself. Being dead he speaks.

Thus today, we hear the voice of those who have gone before us. And down through the years the perpetual epitaph of the Grand Army of the Republic shall be measured by the record which we, its leaders, leave engraved on the pages of history.

On July 9, 1940, I was installed as your commander in chief by Comrade George Harshman at Washington, Pa., in the presence of my son, Dr. Walter T. Anderson, of Detroit, Mich., and members of Mary Emma McNulty Tent No. 36, Daughters of Union Veterans, Department of Pennsylvania. To the members of this tent I owe a debt of gratitude for their devotion to my personal welfare. Without their consecration in my behalf, I could not have discharged my duties.

My comfort and longevity are their consideration, individually and collectively, second only to their patriotic zeal.

On July 23, Miss Flood came to Washington, at my request, to check up with me on headquarters business and arrangements for the encampment. On July 26, tent No. 36 was hostess for a reception given in my honor at the George Washington Hotel, Washington, Pa. In the receiving line were Mrs. Anderson, Past Commander in Chief C. H. William Ruhe, and Mrs. Ruhe; General Edward Martin, adjutant general of Pennsylvania; Brig. Gen. John Aiken; Miss Katharine R. A. Flood; Mrs. Nellye Tannenbaum, Pennsylvania Department president, Daughters of Union Veterans; Miss Florice Webster, president, tent No. 36; Miss Anne Braden, regent, Washington County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; J. A. Burns, commander of Harry B. Duncan Camp, United Spanish-American veterans; J. Frank Rutan, past commander of Duncan Camp; Mayor J. Brady Marble of Washington; Earl Kurtz, president of Washington Kiwanis Club, Miss Agnes Sullivan, president of Washington Quota Club, Mrs. Raymond Goodridge, president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Members of all patriotic organizations, city and county officials, individuals, and friends thus honored your commander in chief, not personally, but because of the debt of gratitude they owe to the Grand Army of the Republic.

LEGISLATION

Commander in Chief Andrew had long advocated a change in the marriage date making widows eligible to receive a pension and determined to make an effort to secure passage of legislation affecting this change. Several bills had been introduced in the House, and early in January Comrade Andrew received a telegram from Congressman John Lesinski, chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, that a hearing would be held the next day in Washington. It was impossible to go or to send anyone on such short notice, and he wired the chairman asking for a later date. A letter in reply informed him that a later date could not be given as the hearings for veterans of other wars would follow, and the dates had been arranged for some time.

Later in January when Commander in Chief Andrew went to Washington he called on Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and found that the Committee on Pensions with the counsel of the Veterans' Bureau had drawn a bill out of all the bills that had been proposed, which would be introduced the next week. This bill, H. R. 7981, is as follows:

AN ACT To grant pensions to certain unmarried dependent widows of Civil War Veterans who were married to the veteran subsequent to June 26, 1905

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the dependent unmarried widow of a Civil War veteran who is barred from the receipt of pension because her marriage to the veteran occurred subsequent to June 26, 1904, but who is otherwise entitled to such pension either under the Act of May 1, 1920 (41 Stat. 585), or under the Act of June 9, 1930 (46 Stat. 528), shall be entitled to pension in her own right under said Acts at the rates and under the conditions specified therein and to the additional pension provided for minor and helpless children in the Act of May 1, 1920, provided she married the veteran ten years prior to his death and lived with him continuously from the date of marriage to the

date of his death except where there was a separation which was due to misconduct of or procured by the veteran without the fault of the widow: *Provided*, That if pension has been granted to an insane, idiotic, or otherwise helpless child of the veteran or to a child or children of the veteran under sixteen years of age, the widow shall not be entitled to the pension authorized in this Act until the pension to the child or children terminates, unless such child or children be a member or members of her family and cared for by her; and when these conditions are fulfilled and the pension is granted to the widow, payment of pension to such child or children shall cease; except that in the event the amount being paid to such child or children is less than the amount authorized to the widow by this Act, then the difference between said amounts will be paid to the widow: *Provided further*, That no pension shall be payable under this Act to a widow under sixty years of age.

SEC. 2. Payment of pension as provided by this Act shall be effective from the date of receipt of application in the Veterans' Administration, in the form prescribed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, but not prior to the date of this Act. Pension under this Act shall not be paid to the widow of a veteran of the Civil War who has remarried either once or more than once, and upon the remarriage of such a widow her pension shall be terminated. The penal and forfeiture provisions of the pension laws providing pensions for veterans of the Civil War and their widows and dependents shall be applicable to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. No agent, attorney, or other person shall directly or indirectly, solicit, contract for, charge, or receive any fee or compensation for preparing or assisting in the preparation of the necessary papers in the application to the Veterans' Administration for benefits under this Act. Any person who shall, directly or indirectly, solicit, contract for, charge, or receive any fee or compensation for such preparation or assistance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and each and every offense shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment at hard labor of for not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Copies of the bill were given the national presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and they immediately contacted their members urging them to write their Congressmen and Senators in favor of the bill. Letters were sent from national headquarters to all departments, urging cooperation, and to many individuals. The bill was passed by the House without a dissenting vote. April 15, 1940. The Senate Committee on Pensions unanimously favored it and it was reported to the Senate, but when the chairman, Senator Minton, asked that it be taken from the calendar, one objection was made, and it now has to await its turn. We are still hoping that some action may be taken before the close of this Congress.

FINANCES

The utmost care has been taken in the expenditures for headquarters expenses. All printing has been done by the lowest bidder. The death of our commander in chief has added some to our expenses, and I suggest when the budget for next year is prepared that some provision be made for unexpected expense such as this.

The comrades responded loyally to the increase in per capita tax with the result that \$1,041 was received instead of \$20.82 under the former per capita. As rumors and threats of war spread, Commander in chief Andrew deemed it wise to order the sale of two bonds of the permanent fund while a good price could be obtained. Accordingly the proper papers were filled out and signed, and the bonds

were sold and a bonus of \$307.09 received. August 10, 1939, we had a balance of \$6,238.49 and we are happy to report a balance this year of \$6,082.46 although \$600 had been transferred to the general fund.

The Pittsburgh encampment committee had raised a fund in addition to the county and city appropriations and at the close of the encampment arrangements had a balance. With the consent of the donors to this fund, the committee voted to place a bronze tablet in Memorial Hall commemorating the meeting of the national encampment in Pittsburgh in 1939 and to give the balance, if any, to the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic. In June a check for \$157.78 was received from Col. Robert G. Woodside, chairman of the Pittsburgh encampment committee, and this was promptly sent to Comrade Robert M. Rownd, treasurer of the permanent fund and deposited in our account. Commander in chief Andrew acknowledged receipt of the check to Colonel Woodside and thanked the committee for this further proof of their interest in our organization.

MEMBERSHIP

The report of the adjutant general shows the increasing loss in membership, not to be wondered at considering our age. There have been mustered out this year 557 members including our commander in chief, one member of his staff, James W. Willett, judge advocate general and past commander in chief, 3 other past commanders in chief; Edwin J. Foster, James E. Jewel, and Alfred E. Stacey; 2 other past national officers; 6 members of the national council of administration; 12 department officers and 20 past department officers.

The Department of Louisiana and Mississippi having failed to make reports, pay per capita tax, or answer communications for 2 years, we can only conclude there are no comrades left in the department and mark it "Closed" on our records. The Department of Montana, having lost all members by death, we have also marked it "Closed."

AUXILIARY AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

The Grand Army of the Republic is indeed fortunate to have had the aid of the organizations so closely connected with us. They have always been willing to assist members, posts, and departments. Mrs. Elfie F. Carroll, national president, Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Frances M. Haskell, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Bertha M. Droz, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have formed a very happy and congenial group this year. On many occasions Commander in Chief Andrew expressed his pleasure in having such coworkers and I am glad to add my thanks for their cooperation with me in the short time I have served with them.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Adjutant General Thomas Ambrose has expressed appreciation for our headquarters room in the State capitol, in which I concur. Imme-

diately after my installation I reappointed all officers and committees who were serving under Commander in Chief Andrew. All accepted and pledged their help, and I am most grateful to them for their support and willingness to serve, and here I want to express my deep appreciation of the patience of our secretary, Katharine R. A. Flood, and her worthiness in discharging the manifold duties which she assumes with such alacrity. To her we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude. I was amazed at the dexterity with which she handled the arrangements for this encampment. To her as well as to us the passing of Commander in Chief Andrew was a sudden transition which she courageously met with detailed efficiency.

In recognition of the honor which was so unexpectedly thrust upon me, I wish to express my grateful appreciation to all those who have labored to make this, our seventy-fourth national encampment, a success. It is useless to expect that we shall all meet at the next encampment, for we have lived many years on borrowed time. We are exceedingly grateful for the added years allotted to us in that we might do good to our country and our fellowmen. May our lives reflect the purpose of the Grand Army of the Republic to the end that the Stars and Stripes may ever float from our bulwarks of civilization, unsullied and untrampled.

In closing, may I leave with you the admonition of Daniel Webster, "Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country, and by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace, and of liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever." This admonition I pass on also to those who receive the torch of liberty from the Grand Army of the Republic, and may God keep our country true in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. I would like to move that a committee of three consisting of Past Commanders in Chief Russell C. Martin, O. H. Mennet, and Robert M. Rownd, be constituted a committee to report upon the splendid report that we heard read in our hearing, to be heard later during the encampment. I so move you.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief W. W. NIXON. Comrades, you have heard the report from our commander in chief. What shall we do with it?

Comrade T. J. NOLL, of Iowa. I move that it be approved as read. [Motion seconded.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief NIXON. Are there any remarks on the motion? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is passed unanimously.

Comrade DUMSER. I now repeat my motion.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Dumser, it is usually the privilege of the presiding officer to name the committee. Two of the comrades that you named are on the committee, but not the three. We did not want two men from one department on the committee. You have named two from one department. The committee as appointed was Comrades Robert M. Rownd, Overton H. Mennet, and A. C. Estabrook. Does that meet your approval?

Comrade DUMSER. It does.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON (resuming the chair). The next business, Comrades, is the appointment of committees.

Secretary FLOOD (reading):

Committee on reports of other officers.—J. S. Davisson, Nebraska; Byron W. Joslin, Ohio; Dudley L. Page, Massachusetts.

Committee on death of Commander in Chief John E. Andrew.—Robert M. Rownd, New York, chairman; A. C. Estabrook, Michigan; Thomas Ambrose, Illinois.

Committee on the death of Judge Advocate General and Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett.—Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada, chairman; J. W. Carroll, North Dakota; Thomas J. Noll, Iowa.

Committee on the death of Past Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster.—Overton H. Mennet, California and Nevada, chairman; George A. Gay, Massachusetts; Truman N. Parsons, Connecticut.

Committee on the death of Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel.—C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania, chairman; Edward H. Cowan, Indiana; Joshua C. Pearce, Colorado and Wyoming.

Committee on the death of Past Commander in Chief Alfred E. Stacey.—Robert M. Rownd, New York, chairman; Rustan O. Reed, Washington and Alaska; M. H. Davidson, Kentucky.

Committee on Rules and Regulations, and Ritual.—C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania, chairman; Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada, A. C. Estabrook, Michigan; Frederick Pfiester, Ohio; C. H. Perry, Minnesota.

Committees on greetings.—Woman's Relief Corps: Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada, chairman; C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania; Overton H. Mennet, California and Nevada; Robert M. Rownd, New York; J. W. Carroll, North Dakota; Albert G. Jones, Idaho; C. J. Rose, Florida. Ladies of the G. A. R.: Rustan O. Reed, Washington and Alaska, chairman; Dr. R. B. Tyler, Missouri; T. A. Penland, Oregon; Levi Van Voorhis, South Dakota. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: J. S. Dumser, California and Nevada, chairman; Thomas Ridenour, Ohio; John Shearer, Texas; J. S. Davisson, Nebraska; J. M. Bryant, Arkansas. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Calvin H. Blanchard, California and Nevada, chairman; Frank E. Amadon, New Hampshire; William H. McCoy, New Jersey; Ira Stormes, Utah; G. I. Gordon, Oklahoma. Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Joseph B. Henninger, Indiana, Chairman; John W. Palmer, Maine; H. C. Shumate, Illinois; B. Regli, Wisconsin; Charles A. Heyer, Vermont.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, you have heard the different committees and the members on those committees. I hope you will get together and make your reports so that we can have them at the business session tomorrow.

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. Commander, would it be possible for us to have the names of each one of the committees given to the chairmen so they will know who they are?

Secretary FLOOD. It will. Commander in Chief, these flowers come to this encampment from the Memorial Day Association of the District of Columbia, with their greetings. They did not know of the death of Commander in Chief Andrew in time to send a floral offering, so they sent these flowers to all of you today.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. I rise to a question of privilege.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Will you come up to the platform? I cannot hear you back there.

Comrade CARROLL (coming to the platform). I have risen to a question of privilege, with the opportunity of making a remark, if I am granted the privilege.

Commander in Chief and comrades, on General Orders No. 6 I find a committee of seven has been appointed to convey the greetings of

this encampment to the Women's Relief Corps. It is an undeniable fact that the Woman's Relief Corps has been a strength to this organization. They have been our loyal supporters in every way, shape, and form.

I am one of the members of that committee, and I have made a special effort to have the committee organize in some way—I have been here since Wednesday of last week—to convey greetings, as I think that organization is entitled to, but I have never had a meeting of that committee. I am one of the committee, and all the members of the committee are here except one. And I think I could not satisfy myself to sit in this gathering and ignore that wonderful body of women that have been practically the main support for years and years prior to the organization of another organization; and I think the failure of that committee to go and convey the greetings of this organization to that body is a slight.

I raise the point of order on that account. I think the committee ought to have been called to order. I think it is a slight to that body. They are entitled to greater consideration. I thank you, sir, for the privilege of speaking.

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. Regarding this question of Comrade Carroll's, I was busy and I was not well and asked our secretary to be excused as the chairman of that committee, and was excused. I don't want him to get up here and charge me with delay or anything of that kind. It is not my fault. I have done others' work here to take the place of those that did not come at all, and I have been trying to do everything that I could to help this Grand Army of the Republic. And I thought there was another chairman. There was plenty of them on the committee, four or five or six of them, that could do the work while I was doing other work, and I think I was doing my duty.

Comrade CARROLL. It would seem to me, though, as chairman of the committee, if unable to fill the duties of the committee, he should ask some of the other members of the committee to take his place or give them an opportunity to call the meeting together and pay the respects of this organization to the women. They are entitled to it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I didn't think so. I was excused, and the next one would take the place. What I mean, be called by the secretary or some of those that wanted it.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, may I say that Colonel Martin came and said it was impossible for him to leave the hotel yesterday morning. I tried to find the other members of the committee, but they were all over at the Woman's Relief Corps. Now, Dr. Mennet has a remark to make.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I want to have the privilege of reporting to you that I visited the Woman's Relief Corps at their opening yesterday, brought the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to that organization, and expressed to them to the best of my ability in every way the high regard in which they stood with the Grand Army of the Republic. I was not authorized as a member of that greetings committee. However, Miss Flood says that I was on account of my seniority as past commander in chief. I am entitled to make a report, and I make a report of that kind. We were

royally and gratefully received, and I brought the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic both in song and story to the Woman's Relief Corps yesterday morning at their opening.

Comrade CARROLL. One more word. I was in company with Comrade Mennet at the opening as an invited guest of the organization to witness their opening, and as past junior vice commander in chief I did not feel that I had any right to assume any of the duties of that committee and make any remarks at that time prior to and during their opening exercises. Thank you again. I think that is a slight on the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps who have supported this organization for years before any other organization was ever organized.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, can't this committee go with the greetings the minute this encampment adjourns? I would suggest that that be done.

Comrade RUSTAN O. REED, of Washington and Alaska. As chairman of the committee to call on the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic I want to say to you that I did my duty yesterday afternoon, and not only called upon them but made a substantial present to the national president of that organization.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I request the committee to go with greetings as soon as we adjourn.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I think that I am pretty dumb. I was on the committee on rules and regulations, and in some way I got mixed up with another year, and I didn't do any work on the year just past. Everything was just as plain as day, but I was dumb enough so I didn't understand it. I was writing and working with the wrong committee, and I didn't even get an answer from them. So that I guess they thought I didn't belong there. I don't know just what excuse I can give only I didn't do it. That is all. Why I didn't do it was because I didn't understand it to do it. And the only point that I could see would be to have that or ask that that be extended for another year and maybe we will get a report. I don't know of any other way out of it. I haven't any report because I wrote to the committee that I thought I was on and didn't get any answer. So I haven't any report. But maybe, as I say, if we can continue this for another year, that we will get some kind of a report.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, I don't understand what committee the comrade refers to.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Comrades Willett and Ruhe and myself.

Secretary FLOOD. That was not the committee on rules and regulations. That was the committee to consider a permanent headquarters.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Then I am off just as bad.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Reports of committees.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. Your committee on greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans are perhaps scattered so much we have not been able to get together. At the time we should have gone I went all over the lobby and could not find the comrades. One comrade was not enrolled at all as being present in this encampment. But Past Commander in Chief Robert M.

Rownd, myself, and others went over there and found a large number of their organization there in line. We looked upon that scene, that magnificent gathering of our Daughters, our own blood, the women who have come by birth from the heroic mothers and heroic fathers, in large and enthusiastic numbers. We had a splendid reception. It was something to inspire the heart of every comrade, this group of women, our own flesh and blood, our dear Daughters, who are carrying on so bravely and well. They received us enthusiastically and we brought back their greetings to you. Our Daughters! With all the love we have for every other group of our Grand Army family, after all that is said and done they are our Daughters of our own blood, and upon them we would rest, no matter what comes. The Woman's Relief Corps has been our mainstay through the years, but these Daughters are doing their limit. God bless them all.

Secretary FLOOD. We have a telegram of greetings from Bridgeport, Conn. [Reading:]

Greetings to your encampment in honor of our three comrades from Bridgeport, Conn., Truman S. Parsons, Russel Vandeusen, Edward T. Abbott, and their escort, Col. Arthur C. Bennett, all honorary members of—

LIEUTENANT N. W. BISHOP CAMP,
United Spanish War Veterans.

Also the following communications:

SEPTEMBER 2, 1940.

From: Shipswriter, Navy Club of Sangamon.

To: A. T. Anderson, commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic, Springfield, Ill.

Subject: Greetings on the annual Grand Army of the Republic convention.

1. It is with deep reverence that members of the Navy Club of Sangamon extend greetings of welcome to the city of Springfield to the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated bodies at their annual convention.

2. The Navy Club of Sangamon fully realizes the inroads time has made upon the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic and expresses that feeling of all Americans that the spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic live on down through the generations to follow.

3. May we herewith offer any of our facilities for the use of your body during its sojourn in Springfield and wish you a hearty good time while in our midst.

CHARLES R. TOPP, *Shipswriter.*

By order of—

WILLIAM L. HART, *Commandant.*

SEPTEMBER 2, 1940.

From: Shipswriter (Illinois) Squadron, Navy Club of U. S. A.

To: A. T. Anderson, Commander, Grand Army of the Republic, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Ill.

Subject: Greetings on annual Grand Army of the Republic convention.

1. Annually the Grand Army of the Republic conducts its national encampment commemorating the service the members of its group performed on behalf of a united Nation. This year the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated bodies have selected Springfield, the home of the immortal Lincoln for their yearly session. This organization, while still young in years, considers it most fitting and proper that the Grand Army of the Republic has chosen Springfield for the scene of another of its national encampments.

2. It is with much pleasure and happiness that the Navy Club of the U. S. A., Illinois Squadron, greets the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated bodies to Springfield. May we herewith offer our offices for any duty to assist your group, in conjunction with your annual encampment.

3. Representatives of the Springfield Ship, No. 32, Navy Club of the U. S. A., have been delegated to assist further any plans of your office during the encampment.

4. Trusting you enjoy an exceptionally fine session at Springfield and enjoy the memories the city's shrines provide and that you will return to Illinois for another encampment, we herewith welcome you to this State.

CHARLES R. TOPP, *Squadron ShipsWriter.*

By order of—

W. E. SUDENDORF,

Commandant, Illinois Squadron.

Very few nominations for the national council of administration and the committee on resolutions have been received. I will call the roll for those nominations.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL of North Dakota. I move that a new committee of five supersede the old committee and be appointed to convey the greetings of this body to the Woman's Relief Corps, on which I shall not be a member.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Anyone second that motion? [Motion seconded.] You have heard the motion. It has been seconded. Are there any remarks on the motion?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH of New York. Evidently that committee is in existence. Why don't you discharge them before you put another committee in their place? I think it would be an act of courtesy not to continue that same committee if they don't want to act. I don't say this in love of Comrade Carroll's motion by any means, but I think a proper course you should first do away with that committee.

Comrade C. J. ROSE of Florida. The committee stands already appointed. It seems to me it should be allowed to meet and to act. Why cut it down? Why send one man up there? That does not make a representation of our organization? Give them seven or eight that were here on that list. It is more than enough. Why do you want to reduce it? One man gets up there and says we should increase it. Now we are asked to reduce it. What is the idea? Have we no respect for those people? In my idea every man, every State should have representation. They have done us a great deal of good. Without them we would not have any existence today. The Grand Army of the Republic would not be alive today had it not been for the Woman's Relief Corps, and why not give them a representation?

Comrade STRITCH. Commander, I beg your pardon for a moment. This motion is not understood correctly. When a man don't want to fill the bill on a committee he either resigns or acts carelessly. We waited for this committee. It is no disrespect to them. They evidently don't want to act. Now in relation to the proposition by Comrade Carroll, he offered this motion for the new committee to succeed the old. With no disrespect, may I right Comrade Carroll? I hope I made myself clear. I tried to. I am not in opposition to the old committee. I simply want to clear the way for the new committee.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Any further remarks? If not—

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. Mr. Chairman, I am a member of that committee, and every member of that committee was present with the exceptions of two. And while we had a misconception of the hour we were there and we made a report and made an address before that committee. Would it not be discourteous to ignore that committee and appoint a new committee in the place?

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. Commander in chief, it has been customary to my knowledge that when a committee is appointed any member of that committee can make an official report. Any member here that was on that official committee can make a report. It is true it may be that they did not announce themselves as an official committee, but they were there in the capacity of representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, and they spoke and eulogized undoubtedly the Woman's Relief Corps. I think that no discourtesy could be cast upon our Woman's Relief Corps. We all hold them in veneration, and we almost adore them, because they are our foundation and the life of this organization. And if that committee, the official committee, has not reported it can make a report, or any member of that committee can visit that organization yet and make an official visit and report, regardless of the number that are on the committee. And any one of them is authorized to make an official report. That is the way I understand these committees.

Comrade CARROLL. I cannot conceive how a member of a committee, being an invited guest at an opening of an organization that had not opened for business—it was a preliminary opening—where they would be justified or in order to deliver a series of greetings from another body. That is the point I make. I consider it is a slight if that committee does not report and give the greetings of this body, unless you decline to send your greetings. If you decline to send your greetings or have your committee take your greetings, then I have nothing more to say.

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. Technically our Comrade Carroll is correct. But, of course, he is officially correct. But the committee can still visit the Woman's Relief Corps or any other organization. I was not officially mentioned on any of these visiting committees, but I visited every organization yesterday, or practically all of our organizations, and brought them greetings from the Grand Army of the Republic. Of course, it was not an official committee, but as a Grand Army man and a past commander of the Grand Army of the Republic I brought them the greetings of the comrades in the best manner that I knew how. Of course, it was not an official visit, technically so. So I take it that the committee can still make their visit and make their report tomorrow.

Comrade ROSE. I claim that he had no business, as a body that was not organized yesterday or day before yesterday. It was not the desire of this convention to go. He had a right to go and visit them, but not as a delegate before this committee. He had a perfect right. But we were not organized yesterday. It is doing something outside. He could have gone just as well Saturday. He could have gone Tuesday or any other time. We should not interfere with any business that we have before this honorable body to do. I claim we want to do business. We don't want to go back on the law. One man cannot run this whole convention; to say that he represents the Grand Army of the Republic. He has no more right than any other soldier. I say that his visit is all right. Let him make it. But he has no business to come in here and make a report and cut the committee out.

Comrade CARROLL. I rise to a point of order. I speak as a member of a committee. In general orders it reads as follows: "The following

committees on greetings are appointed" to convey the greetings of this organization to the Woman's Relief Corps. I am not doing it for any personal gratification. But when I am placed on a committee to do certain work or to carry out a certain proposition I want to see it done. That is what I come here for. I have come—traveled three or four thousand miles to get here—to attend this meeting, and I am not an officer in this line of operation. I think in justice to the women who have so loyally supported this organization for years and years, they are entitled to the greetings and favorable consideration by a committee from this body.

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. Our comrade over here is technically right. Our committee cannot officially visit an organization until after we are organized and called into session. It is not too late yet for them to visit these committees and pay their respects and represent themselves as the official committee from this organization. I move you that this motion be laid on the table.

Comrade G. I. GORDON, of Oklahoma. I second the motion.

Comrade GEORGE A. GAY, of Massachusetts. It seems to me that we need not argue on that, for I think we all know that when members of the Grand Army of the Republic are put on a committee that they are supposed to do their duty. You have a chairman of the committee, and after they have made their findings then the chairman of the committee proceeds to report the findings of the committee. It was very courteous in our comrade to visit that organization and carry his greetings, but it was really not regular—not in a regular sense. The committee should have attended to their duties after they had been appointed, and the chairman would bring in a report on that.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. There is a motion before the house.

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. We have a motion to lay this matter on the table. It is moved and seconded——

Comrade CARROLL. I move that the motion be laid on the table and indefinitely postponed.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion. If there are no further remarks all in favor of laying this on the table will give their consent by saying "Aye." Contrary, "No." (Carried.)

Comrade GAY. That is a very polite way of sidetracking it, let me tell you.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. The next order is unfinished business. Is there any unfinished business to come before this body?

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. Have you called for all the reports from the greetings committees? Have the Sons reported?

Secretary FLOOD. They are going this afternoon. We now want the nominations from each department for the national council of administration.

(The roll was called by the secretary and nominations made by the several departments represented. The complete list will be found at p. 109 of this journal in connection with the election of the members of the council.)

The roll was then called by the secretary for the nomination by each department of a member on the committee on resolutions, with the following result:

Department	Name	Address
California and Nevada	J. S. Dumser	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles Douglas	New Haven.
Florida	C. J. Rose	Miami.
Idaho	Albert G. Jones	Boise.
Illinois	John Burke	Chicago.
Indiana	John H. Stone	Kokomo.
Iowa	J. J. Neuman	Des Moines.
Kansas	A. O. Gere	Stafford.
Kentucky	R. R. Graham	Madisonville.
Maine	George H. Jones	Oxford.
Massachusetts	Samuel Snow	Marblehead.
Michigan	Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	O. S. Pierce	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Jonathan Hollingsworth	Kansas City.
Nebraska	J. S. Davisson	Omaha.
New Hampshire	Lyman E. Butterfield	Manchester.
New Jersey	Wm. H. McCoy	Trenton.
New York	Robert M. Rownd	Ripley.
North Dakota	J. W. Carroll	Lisbon.
Ohio	Thomas Ridenour	Crestline.
Oklahoma	Sylvester S. Patterson	Tonkawa.
Oregon	T. A. Penland	Portland.
Pennsylvania	A. W. Gabrio	Hazleton.
South Dakota	Levi Van Voorhis	Huron.
Texas	John Shearer	Houston.
Utah	Ira Stormes	Salt Lake City.
Virginia and North Carolina	Charles Grandy	Norfolk, Va.
Washington and Alaska	Rustan O. Reed	Seattle.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. As chairman of the committee on resolutions I would like very much to have the committee meet in this room immediately at the close of this session.

Secretary FLOOD. It has just been arranged that the committee on resolutions will meet here as soon as this encampment adjourns. Anyone who has any resolutions will hand them to the chairman of the committee.

There is a greetings committee here from the Department of Illinois, Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans.

(The committee was admitted and presented.)

Mrs MERYL COLE, department historian, Illinois, United Spanish War Veterans. It just gives me a lot of pleasure to bring the greetings of the Department of Illinois, Spanish War Veterans, to you and your convention assembled. I just had the extreme pleasure of going over to the Sons' meeting, and I have spoken to them. I am not a daughter of a son of a Union Veteran. I am a daughter of a Spanish-American War veteran, also a niece. I have the pleasure of being a department officer this year for the second year. I am past president of our Auxiliary, and served for 3 years as secretary and also district senior vice. So you see where my heart is. I am with the Spanish-American War. But I don't know that I ever had anything give me any more pleasure than to come before you today. My first sight of anything like this was 3 years ago in Columbus when my Auxiliary sent me as their national delegate, and to see the comrades meet and greet one another was certainly an inspiration

to me. About a month ago I had the pleasure of again being a national delegate in Detroit and experiencing the same thrill. And now seeing you comrades here meet and greet one another and to see you in the parade today, it certainly is marvelous. And I wish that you will all be able to attend another national convention and all meet and greet one another again.

Mrs. ANNA GARDNER, president of Past Auxiliary Presidents Club of Lincoln Home Auxiliary No. 36, United Spanish War Veterans. Commander and comrades of the Civil War, I represent the Past Presidents Club of the United Spanish War Veterans. I am the wife of a Spanish War veteran, and proud to be. I only wish that I could boast of being a daughter of a Civil War veteran, because I do feel that the Civil War was the one that really did the most. They deserve a lot of credit, and I am happy today to be here and to bring greetings to you from this Club of Past Presidents of the Spanish War organization. I wish for you a harmonious convention, Commander, and I hope and pray that God will spare your lives so that you will meet several more times—at least some of you. I know it is impossible to wish it for all, but I wish it for most of you—that you will be able to meet for several more conventions, and that God will be good to you. He has been good to you, to see so many of you here today at your age. I think He has blessed you, and I hope and pray that He will take care of you while you are in our city; that you will have a good time; and that your journey home will be safe back to your loved ones. I thank you.

Mr. SAMUEL MARSHALL WRIGHT, past commander, United Spanish War Veterans. Commander in Chief Anderson, my grandfather had in his company a man by the name of Anderson, a lieutenant who was a member of the Fifty-sixth Illinois, that ill-fated Fifty-sixth that was burned on the *General Lyons* after they had served 3 years and mustered out. But I must not impose upon your time.

I come to you representing the Department of Illinois, U. S. W. V., with their greetings. I wish to say to you that three-fourths of the Spanish-American soldiers were sons of Civil War veterans. I am the son of a man who fought with Grierson's Sixth Cavalry. My mother's uncle, Samuel Marshall, for whom I was named, was taken from his saddle and buried on the banks of Lake Pontchartrain after they rode 14 days and nights in saddles cutting off supplies to Vicksburg. Both my grandfathers were captains and memorialized in the great Illinois Memorial at Vicksburg. So you know how I feel toward the G. A. R. and its affiliated organizations. We of the Sons and Spanish-American could do nothing but praise you and feel devoted to you all our lives. We are trying to follow in your steps and in your shadows after the wonderful work that you have done.

You fought the fight of your fathers who gave us this greatest Government ever instituted among mortals. You saved for this Nation what they had created, and we are proud to claim we have driven fears of paganism and European philosophies from these shores, so that in the event of another war there will be no deep harbors on this continent with the ship lanes and airplanes and engines of destruction, such as they have today, in Cuba or on the Western Hemisphere.

The Spanish-American soldier feels like he is entitled to credit for driving Spanish treachery, Weilerism and Hitlerism from the Western Hemisphere.

And you of the Civil War, we glorify thy name. We think of thee with the inspiration of something above humanity, as something we feel that is the nearest to divinity that a nation ever had. We owe you everything. Our greatest ambition is to emulate and follow in your steps, so that when the last vestige and remnant of you are gone, like the flowers that are faded, the perfume, the beauty all gone, yet memories will be sweet to those who survive you in all of the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Colonel Martin, will you respond?

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we have a very distinguished committee here, a committee that has done a great deal of work, belonging to an organization of veterans of another war. They are a part of us and we are delighted to have them come and bring their greetings to us, their love and their friendship, as they have today, and we want to return ours just as strong and just as fresh as they have brought theirs. We are glad that they are here and we hope they will come back again so we can meet them again and bring our greetings to them again. We are having a wonderful meeting here. We always have that.

This is a historic place. The last meeting we had here in 1932 was one of the most historic meetings of any meetings that I have known of. Perhaps others have seen other meetings that have equaled it. But there is no other place in the world that our commander in chief is laid to rest, and we come to honor him as the greatest chieftain in the world, and the service that he gave us is the greatest service.

I carry a remembrance of being 15 years—I would have been 15 years old in about 20 days—that I had the opportunity and remembrance of voting for him, in some way connecting myself with him. And when we come back here and have greetings committees like these committees today it takes you back over this long, long line of years to the great work that the Grand Army of the Republic has done and the great work that the Sons and Daughters and their organizations have done in the later years when we are getting weak and feeble and unable to do anything only whine and groan and fuss around; and we are glad to have them come today and give us a greeting. What I mean is, it kind of stirs you up, and it is good to meet them.

Mr. WRIGHT. Comrades, 8 years ago I was chairman of the joint committee on invitation and selection of speakers for outside of this organization. I had prepared an engraving of the tomb which I sent to every veteran, I believe. I hope you have them yet. We had a wonderful time. Everything was very harmonious, and we began to date every event of any importance from the date you were here before.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I would like to say just another word. Here is my friend down here, Comrade Dumser and myself were allowed the privilege by Mr. Fay—he is the custodian—to place a wreath on the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. And not only that, he

opened the gate and allowed us to go inside, which he didn't allow many people to do. We had a program there. We had six or eight ladies and ourselves, and we went inside and we had a program there.

Mr. WRIGHT. The Governor's address was made at the tomb. We had there an old Indian fighter, Major Ford, a colored man. The senior vice and past vice commander of the G. A. R. on the platform and myself. And that picture that was taken there is now a part of the historical archives of the great State of Illinois.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. We are glad you are here and glad you came. [The committee retired.]

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I would like to make a few personal remarks. Comrades, I want to say that my motion to lay this motion on the table of our Comrade Carroll was not out of any disrespect for Comrade Carroll in any way. But I want to say to our comrade on the left in putting me in my place, that I thank him for that. I should not have gotten up here and made any talk, until Miss Flood told me I was really authorized. In our previous encampments we have never sent a greetings committee to any of our organizations until after we were organized, and that committee was appointed and they made a report the next day. Now this is an innovation putting the committee in the orders. It is legitimately and lawfully entitled to make that report of their visit to these organizations tomorrow. In every previous encampment I have ever attended this announcement of these committees has been made, and the chairman called his committee together and visited these organizations; and that is the right and the proper way for it to be done, so far as I know. I don't think there was any resolution in any encampment that I have ever attended that authorized or recognized any other manner of making our official visit to our allied orders. I want to make this acknowledgment, and I am glad to be put in my place. Commander in Chief, we would like to know if the chairman of the committee will report tomorrow morning.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I am not on the committee.

Secretary FLOOD. The same committee stands.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. All right, we will go at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Does this committee understand that they are on the Woman's Relief Corps greetings committee? Do they understand it?

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. You are supposed to call them together.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. They can remember some things.

Secretary FLOOD. The committee on greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps will meet tomorrow in the lobby at 9 o'clock and go to the corps with greetings, Russell C. Martin, Overton H. Mennet, Robert M. Rownd, J. W. Carroll, Albert G. Jones, and C. J. Rose.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I approve that; yes.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. If permissible, I prefer not to serve on that committee.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Carroll, would you like Comrade Duell to serve in your place?

Comrade CARROLL. Thank you, I would.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrade D. G. Duell, of North Dakota, is appointed on the committee on greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade CALVIN H. BLANCHARD, of California and Nevada. I desire to have a meeting of the committee to visit the Sons of Union Veterans immediately after adjournment so that we may go and extend greetings.

Secretary FLOOD. The other members of the committee are Comrades Frank E. Amadon, William H. McCoy, Ira Stormes, and G. I. Gordon. The committee on greetings to the Sons of Veterans will meet the chairman, Comrade Blanchard, immediately after adjournment and go to the Sons of Veterans.

On the committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps, Comrade D. G. Duell is appointed to take the place of Comrade Carroll.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Is there any other business to come before the organization?

Secretary FLOOD. It is now 5 minutes of 5.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I move that this encampment adjourn until 9:30. I move that we recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

(The motion prevailed, and at 4:55 p. m. the encampment recessed until 9:30 a. m. on Thursday, September 12, 1940.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1940

Morning session, 9:43 a. m.

The encampment was called to order by Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson and the ritualistic invocation of the order offered by Chaplain in Chief Joshua C. Pearce.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Do the committees have any reports ready? The committee on resolutions says they have nothing to report. Are there any other committees ready to report?

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. The secretary will be kind enough to read the reports of the committees on memorial to the late John E. Andrew and Alfred E. Stacey.

(Whereupon the shorthand reporter read to the encampment the memorials to Past Commanders in Chief John E. Andrew, Alfred E. Stacey, and James E. Jewel, which memorials will be found on pp. 249, 253, and 254 of this journal.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the reports. What shall be done with them?

Comrade T. J. NOLL, of Iowa. I move that they be accepted and printed in the journal. [Motion carried.]

Secretary FLOOD. Mrs. Edwina P. Trigg, past national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army, has a message and would like to be admitted.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Officer of the day, admit the lady. (Mrs. Trigg and Mrs. Josephine Mahar, past national presidents of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, were admitted and presented.)

Mrs. TRIGG. Comrade Anderson, my Commander in Chief, my National Commander, past national commanders, officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all the comrades of my father, I have a

very pleasant duty to perform, and I am wondering if Comrade Hollingsworth, of Missouri, is in the room. Will you please bring him to the station?

Commander in Chief, I have a very pleasant duty to perform this morning. I hold in my hand here a gavel that was made from wood that was taken from the battlefield of Gettysburg and chiseled into a gavel for the commander in chief by Comrade Hollingsworth, of Missouri, my past commander. He is 95 years old. He was wounded on the battlefield of Vicksburg. He served with Abraham Lincoln. He is an Illinois soldier. He enlisted as a boy and went out into the West in Kansas. Then he went into Missouri and has lived there for 30 years. His service to all of the orders of this allied family of the Grand Army of the Republic has been in making gavels to expedite the business of the different conventions all over these United States. With his hands he works. This may take him 3 or 4 months to make. But there is a sentiment about it that makes it a little dearer to the Grand Army people, because he gets the wood from either the battlefields or some historic spot. He served with Abraham Lincoln, and he thinks that his last days can be better for service if he can give something that will add to that.

I am proud this morning on his behalf to present to you, Commander in Chief, this gavel that was made especially for you so that you might use it whenever you wished.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Thank you, comrade. I appreciate this very highly and shall ever remember you as I look upon this gavel. And I hope that you may live many years to make more of these gavels. And I shall ever use it properly as you want it used as long as life shall last. I thank you.

Comrade JONATHAN HOLLINGSWORTH of Missouri. Commander in chief, in your accepting that small token of memory you will take with it my kindest regards and best wishes for your future welfare and happiness.

Mrs. TRIGG. Comrade Rownd this is Comrade Hollingsworth of Missouri. I have a duty to perform also in connection with you. Comrade Hollingsworth hoped to have this for your convention. He could not get the wood that he wanted, but he has made it so that I might come here instead of presenting it to you last year, but present it this year to you. This is of a piece of wood too from the battlefields of Gettysburg, and he wants to present this to you with his love and affection. And while there is some little delay, it comes with the same sentiment and the best wishes that it would a year ago. We are only happy that you are here to receive it. I was supposed to have presented this last year to you at your convention. We hope that when you look at it you will think of Comrade Hollingsworth of Missouri, one of your comrades who served under the same commander in chief that you did.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. Sister Trigg, I want to accept this from your hands, and it adds to the appreciation in having it come through you. I want to assure you, comrade, of my very deep appreciation of this gift, and I will treasure it as one of the most sacred among my group of collections.

You enlisted in the war in the beginning. You were inspired by the spirit of patriotism. You have been a loyal and devoted advo-

cate of our cause. You have represented it in its very highest principles, and your devotion to it is appreciated more than perhaps you may know. And again I want to assure you how highly I prize this and accept it as a very precious gift from you. May the Lord bless you, and I hope that you will have many years yet young, and in the end that your face may turn toward the land of the eternal morning.

Comrade HOLLINGSWORTH. I appreciate this highly, more probably than you do. I just appreciate your fine words of acceptance.

Mrs. TRIGG. Let me wish for you in my personal greetings the finest convention anybody would have. I think you have a wonderful convention. I wish you a happy return home safely to your family.

(The committee retired.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, I will not use this cheap little gavel any more. I am going to use my own gavel. I want this convention to have the honor of having the use of this gavel, the first that is using it. So I am putting it out now in place of this one. It is a very nice gavel, nicely finished. This is a little cheap affair, too cheap for the Grand Army.

Secretary FLOOD. A greetings committee from the Sons of Veterans is outside.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Officer of the Day, bring in the delegation that is outside.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in chief, I have pleasure in introducing our past commanders in chief of the Sons of Veterans bringing greetings from the Sons of Veterans to you. (William L. Anderson, Frank C. Huston, Frank L. Kirchgassner, and Park F. Yengling.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, we have another Anderson here from the Sons of Veterans. We will here from him now.

Mr. ANDERSON. Commander in Chief Anderson, comrades of the Grand Army, I think I was commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans just 1 year too soon because if I was commander in chief this year, with Anderson of the Sons and Anderson of the Grand Army, we perhaps could do something together. But I am very happy to be with my comrades this morning to come here and bring to you the greetings of your sons, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We have about 215 delegates meeting today from all parts of this country, and these men, your sons and your grandsons, are rededicating themselves in this historic city of Springfield to carry on the ideals for which you men were willing to sacrifice your lives, if need be, for the perpetuity of this Nation and for the preservation of our country's flag.

When we realize what is going on over in Europe at this very moment, we, the citizens of America, ought to be thankful to God that we are citizens of the United States of America. [Applause.] And who made this possible? You men who answered the call of Abraham Lincoln over 70 years ago. You made the United States of America the open door to the peoples and the nations of the world who desired to come to our shores and become citizens of this country of ours, to welcome our flag, our constitutions and the ideals for which you men fought.

And we welcome such people who will comply with those necessities as a citizen of our country. But you men did not make this the open door to any individual or group of individuals who desired to come over here and bring with them the "isms" of their country. There is only one "ism" in the United States of America we know anything about, and that is Americanism.

My comrades, we, your sons, stand ready and willing at all times to see to it that the things that you were willing to fight for shall never be in vain. A resolution was passed in our convention yesterday offering the services of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the Government of the United States of America in offering our assistance in running down any fifth column or un-American movement that may be going on in this country today or in the future.

Now, my comrades, I have heard it said, and you have heard it said, that the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic cannot be with us many years to come. But no matter where it is, nor when, wherever that Grand Army man may be throughout the length and breadth of this country or this world, that men will be the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] And when the time does come when the Commander in Chief of us all will call you back home, we, your sons, hope to follow in your footsteps and see to it that this great monument that you have built for us shall never perish, and that monument is the United States of America. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. We have with us another brother, Comrade Huston, who will speak to you now.

Mr. HUSTON. Commander in Chief, past commanders in chief, and comrades of my father; I am indeed happy to be here upon this occasion with this greetings committee. Brother Anderson has spoken to you concerning our devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic. I think that spirit has been kept alive down through these many years. But I really believe that the developments of which he made mention over in Europe today have served to emphasize that. A great many people somehow or other seem to have the idea that because this Civil War occurred so many years ago that it is time to forget it. There never was a time when we ought to remember it more forcibly and devoutly than right now.

As Brother Anderson has said, this thing that may preserve America in this emergency was made possible by the work which you comrades of my father did during those dark days of 1861 to 1865. So we love you comrades, and want you to know it. And we are here expressing the loving devotion of the sons, your sons known as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It was my privilege to be here 8 years ago as commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. It is a happy privilege which is mine this morning to meet with you here as the greetings committee of your sons, and I again say here, as I have said so many times, and I say it out of the devotion of my heart. I am a minister of the gospel. We are supposed to be much in prayer. And one of the petitions which has been mine for many years, because my father and six uncles were in the Union Army—I think we know something about what the flag means at our house.

I was a volunteer in the Spanish-American War, but our Indiana quota was full. I could not go. I was in uniform a year and 4

months during the World War. I have two boys who are members of the marines. One of them is a lieutenant. Those boys have learned, along with their daddy, to remember this prayer: "God bless the Grand Army of the Republic." I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Past Commander Yengling will now speak to you.

Mr. YENGLING. Commander in Chief, my name means "young men." So they tell me. I don't see my commander in chief here. You are all daddies to me, but where is Commander Martin this morning?

Secretary FLOOD. On greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mr. YENGLING. That is a good place for him to be, although I would like to have seen him. Comrades of the Grand Army, I am very much pleased to be a member of this committee of greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans to your organization. I know you don't want to have us clutter up the work of your convention here, so I am simply going to emphasize the things that the two brothers preceding me have said to you, and tell you that we hope that you have been having and will have a very pleasant convention and that your stay in Springfield will be all that you expected it would be before you came here. Comrades, God bless you. I hope you will live to be with us years and years and years to come.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Past Commander in Chief Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts.

Mr. KIRCHGASSNER. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army, I am very happy to join this greeting committee from the Sons of Veterans and come here and add my word of greeting and blessing to you.

It is a privilege to stand in your presence. It was a privilege to be on the journey from Massachusetts with these comrades from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. And we are very happy that so many of them are here today.

I would like to see the face of my commander in chief who served, but he was called yonder this past year, Past Commander in Chief Stacey.

You are meeting in a sacred spot, and I trust that out of this encampment we of the younger generation will not only carry on the work which you have done so nobly in the past, but that the ideals of your commander in chief, which emanate all around us if we walk these streets, will ever be carried on by those who follow you. Again God's blessing to you. May He be good to you during the years that come and make you comfortable, that you may again gather and join hands. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I would ask Comrade Ambrose to respond to these gentlemen.

Adjutant General THOMAS AMBROSE. Well, boys, being one of you, I don't know that it is exactly appropriate for me to respond to your greetings. I think that someone of a more mature age would be more fitting. I am a son of a Union veteran. [Applause.] My father went out about 2 years before I did. I tried to catch up with him two different times, but he caught up with me first and sent me back home. But I am proud to say that both my father and myself, as natives of a border slave State, Kentucky, volunteered to fight for the Stars and Stripes, for the preservation of the Union, which our forefathers gave to us as a solemn trust.

Which leads me to say that I am also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, five of my name being in the Revolutionary War. And to make the story complete as to that military pedigree, I am also a member of the Society of the War of 1812.

I thought I might complete the gap by finding an ancestor who fought in the Mexican War. My paternal grandfather, Capt. Tom Patton, for whom I was named, was a great hero to me. He sang Negro songs and he used to talk about his musket and his sword and all that sort of thing. So I tried to tie him in. I wrote down to the adjutant general of Kentucky to know if Capt. Tom Patton, of Fleming County, was enrolled there, and if he served in the Mexican War. But to my chagrin came the reply he was enrolled all right but it was in 1813. So I didn't need him at all.

Boys, I am very glad indeed to see you here and hope that when we come to Springfield again we will all be here to give you a glad hand.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. Comrades, I wanted to get upon the floor to say a word of appreciation of what exists in our sons—of what you have heard today. And there is no fear whatever but what this Republic will stand as long as the blood of our youth exists in personages of this caliber, and I want you to rise and salute your sons for their patriotism and their honor to us. Pardon me, Commander in Chief, for this privilege. I want it to come from the floor as our heartfelt honor to these men.

(The committee retired.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. A committee on invitations is here.

Miss DOROTHY PIERSON, of St. Louis. Dear comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I want to invite you to come to St. Louis next year on your seventy-fifth anniversary and your diamond jubilee. You have not been to St. Louis for 53 years, and only one time in the 74 years of your existence.

We have live people in St. Louis, and we will supply anything that any other city will. The money will be provided. We hope that you will come and visit us. St. Louis people feel that you have kind of neglected us. We asked you last year and the year before, and now this is the third time. You know they say the third time is the charm, so I just hope we will have you.

Our city is centrally located, and we have all the facilities there. We have a civic center; we have the soldiers' memorial and the National Hotel where Lincoln stayed many times and talked to his cronies.

We have other representatives here who wish to speak to you, so I will say good-bye. I hope to meet you in St. Louis next year.

Mrs. MILLIE JOHNSON. Commanding officer of the Grand Army of the Republic and past commanders, I come here from St. Louis as a daughter of a Union veteran of the Civil War, Alice Cary Risley Tent. I have attended 15 national conventions. I have interceded with our mayor to ask you to come to St. Louis. Last year when I was talking to our Past National Commander in Chief Willett he said he would like to come to St. Louis if we had our streets paved—not like we did 53 years ago when you boys here slept in tents.

Now, of course, you know in 53 years there has been a great change. Our city is a wonderful city now.

I want to tell you of something that I treasure more than money, a recollection of your visit there. I was an only child, and I was

just 11 years old when you were there. I know some of you comrades were there. You remember it rained the whole week. But we went home that evening and my father bragged about the parade. I had a lovely white hat. It was all ruined from the rain. My mother was fussing about the hat, and these were the words that my father said: "You can always buy a hat, but remember you may never see the Grand Army convention in St. Louis again." So my father has passed, and my mother. They have never seen it.

Here is the badge that my father wore at the twenty-fifth encampment in St. Louis, and here is the badge that he wore the next year, 1887. And this is the program you had. And you invited Logan, our national chief commander. When you held your convention in St. Louis that time you had a convention for 7 days.

Of course, we won't let you boys sleep in tents now. We have 28 hotels in the center of the city. We have a wonderful auditorium which can house 7 conventions at one time. So as a Daughter of Union Veterans I am asking you to please vote for St. Louis. We have a letter of invitation from our mayor.

Mrs. ANNA B. CONRAD. I just want to bring you greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans from St. Louis, and I do so hope that you will try and come there. You will enjoy our city very much.

Secretary FLOOD. This is the invitation from the St. Louis Convention Bureau:

SEPTEMBER 3, 1940.

Mr. A. T. ANDERSON,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR SIR: We extend to the Grand Army of the Republic a most cordial invitation to hold its 1941 national encampment in St. Louis.

St. Louis, the city surrounded by the United States, with 28 railroads, 3 transcontinental air lines, 14 bus lines, and miles of National and State scenic highways, would assure you of one of the largest attended meetings you have ever known.

This invitation is supplemented by invitations herewith enclosed from the mayor of the city of St. Louis, St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Association of St. Louis, Associated Retailers of St. Louis, and the Advertising Club of St. Louis.

We will gladly assist your local committee in making all advance arrangements.

St. Louis desires your seventy-fifth national encampment and assures you that your organization will receive the utmost consideration and the members, delegates and accompanying friends will be well pleased and satisfied with the selection of this city as their meeting place.

Yours very truly,

F. H. REIN.

Secretary and General Manager.

This is the letter from the mayor:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City of St. Louis, August 26, 1940.

Mr. A. T. ANDERSON,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: As mayor of the city of St. Louis, I would like to personally urge you to hold your seventy-fifth national encampment in St. Louis in 1941.

St. Louis is a most convenient place for conventions. It is often referred to as "the city surrounded by the United States." It has been our pleasure in the past to act as host to thousands of delegates from other cities, and all have gone away with a feeling that their presence was desired and welcomed.

We have splendid parks, colleges, and universities, a magnificent art gallery, one of the finest zoological gardens in the world, and many other attractions and show places. In our Jefferson Memorial we have the famous Lindbergh collection, containing as it does, gifts and souvenirs from all parts of the world.

In the past we have entertained such conventions as the American Medical Association, American Hospital Association, Lion's International, American Dental Association, Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association of School Administrators—thousands of conventions representing educational, religious, commercial, scientific, fraternal, social, and in fact, every phase of life and activity as it is today.

Our facilities for handling all of these meetings have been entirely adequate. That is why I feel we are justified in making the statement that St. Louis is the logical convention city and is easily accessible from all parts of the country.

We are proud of our city and would like to have the whole country visit us that we may show them what we have to offer.

We hope you will carefully consider St. Louis as your 1941 assembling place. I trust I may soon have the pleasure of extending to you the courtesies of our people.

Cordially yours,

BERNARD F. DICKMANN, *Mayor*.

Accompanying these are other invitations from the Woman's Relief Corps of Missouri, St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Association, Associated Retailers, Advertising Club, Women's Patriotic Council, Daughters of Union Veterans, Federated Patriotic Societies, and the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. LOUISE HAIDER, Santa Barbara, Calif. You know, comrades, that California has more comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic than any other State. I think the good health of the comrades is because the State of California has the climate which has preserved them. But it looks as though there was a good climate in some of these other States, judging by your faces, because you come here looking just as fine as the California comrades, although we do claim to have more than any other State in the Union.

California would like to entertain you. They need your inspiration. I think many of you have received wild ideas about California. We are not all that way out there. I spoke to a minister one day and I said, "What is the matter with some of the people in California?" He said, "Listen, my dear, it is not the Californians." He said, "It is those that come to California and say 'Good-bye, God' in the East. They come to California thinking they will get everything for nothing."

The weather in Santa Barbara—I am particularly speaking for Santa Barbara, today. There are several other cities who would like to entertain you, and I am assured there is enough of unity among the California organizations that if they go to California and find that one place is not the best suited, we will go to the place that will be best suited for your convenience.

The weather in Santa Barbara is ideal. It is not hot and it is not cold. There is no rain from April to November. So when you come don't bring any rubbers and don't bring an umbrella. We have the Pacific Ocean at your feet, and mountains as you look back. Santa Barbara is not very large, but it is, I think, the most beautiful city in the world.

There are some of our comrades—in fact I think all of our California comrades who are here today have been in Santa Barbara, and even if they would rather go to the east for a trip each year they still know that California is fine and Santa Barbara is a beautiful city. Katharine Flood, your secretary, was in Santa Barbara when we entertained the department encampment, so she knows what kind of a place Santa Barbara is, and how they can entertain you.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I have been there too.

Mrs. HAIDER. You have been? Good for you, Comrade. Why didn't you stay?

Now I have been, as far as appropriation is concerned, empowered to say that everything that is required to make a happy convention for you will be furnished by California. There is a letter here from Mayor Maher. I will not burden you by reading these. One from the president of the chamber of commerce, the supervisor of Santa Barbara County, the Convention and Tourist Bureau of Santa Barbara, the retail merchants association, the hotel association—and that is something I want to say in behalf of Santa Barbara. I was born in Minnesota and I have been around the Middle West, I have been to a number of conventions. But Santa Barbara up to date has never increased prices of their hotel rooms or meals, and the hotel association in this letter again pledges itself to that purpose.

We have an invitation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Private John Thomas Hall Post, Santa Barbara Post of the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Native Daughters of the Golden West, the Women's Club, and the Lions' Club. All these organizations are inviting you wholeheartedly. I thank you one and all.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander, we have an invitation from Hollywood from the Hollywood Convention and Tourist Bureau. This is to the Grand Army of the Republic:

DEAR MEMBERS: Hollywood, in its sincere desire to entertain distinguished groups, such as the Grand Army of the Republic as convention guests, cordially extends this invitation to you for 1942.

With Hollywood's natural pulling power, in addition to our attendance building campaign, cooperation in connection with hotel facilities and rates, plus a most unusual entertainment program, gives us, we believe, an opportunity to help you build your most colorful and successful convention, details of which are set forth in our bid attached.

Our major civic organizations join us in extending this invitation to you—evidence of which is shown in the accompanying letter from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

May we welcome the Grand Army of the Republic in 1942?

Looking forward to the pleasure of hearing from you and meantime best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

DAN G. ADDISON, *Manager.*

Then there is a letter from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, which welcomes you, and some details about what they would do for you. And one real treat—they would take the ladies out to a make-up and cosmetic factory and let them see themselves made up as in the movies. Hollywood is part of the city of Los Angeles, but there are no invitations from the officials of Los Angeles attached to this invitation.

Mr. RODNEY D. SCHOPPS, manager, Convention Bureau, Grand Rapids, Mich. Comrade Commander and Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, this is not the first time that I have had the pleasure of appearing before you to extend an invitation to hold your encampment at Grand Rapids. Two years ago in Des Moines I was there to extend an invitation but gave way to Pittsburgh. This year the encampment is here in Springfield.

But so that you will know that we are really thinking of you and of your welfare, and for the best interests of the G. A. R. and what

it stands for, we are back again to invite you to Grand Rapids for 1941. We also want all of your affiliated organizations to come with you. We believe they have really become more or less a part of your organization, and we do have every facility for entertaining not only the Grand Army of the Republic but all of your affiliated groups. You realize this from your experiences in the past when you have met in Grand Rapids, which you have done on various occasions.

You know that our central location permits the greatest number of your comrades to come with the minimum expenditure of both time and money. It is not necessary for you to take a week or 10 days or 2 weeks on the road from your homes getting to Grand Rapids. We have probably the most central location of any of the cities which have had the pleasure of entertaining you. Our hotels most of you are familiar with. They are more than ample to house all of your delegates. They also are grouped together in a central area, which is not the case when you go into the larger metropolitan cities. In your larger cities you are scattered here and there, and as a consequence you lose close contact with one another, and your different groups going back and forth results in considerable loss of time, which is eliminated in Grand Rapids, where your hotels and your meeting rooms are all right close together.

You are also familiar with the hospitality of Grand Rapids. You have always been welcomed there with open arms. They are just waiting to take you into their homes. Many of you I know have stayed in the homes in Grand Rapids.

You have also found out that the courtesy cars are always available to the Grand Army when you are there. You just step out of your hotel door or the door of your meeting room and you find a car to take you wherever you want to go, with no expense to you. This is also true of all busses. If you want to go on the bus and take a ride you can do that without any cost to you. Just one of those services in showing you the hospitality of Grand Rapids and what it means to your organization.

We have been in contact with the State legislature who in the past have appropriated the funds to make possible the entertaining of your group in the manner in which it should be entertained, and they have assured us that we can depend upon them that this appropriation will go through. So we know that the convention from the financial angle will be carried on to a successful end.

Of course this is still a business convention, and that is very important. It is also important that the convention be conducted with experienced people at this time, so that there will be none of the details overlooked. We are sure that we can carry out those details as no place else. You know also that we have had experience in handling your large groups and that it is no effort to us.

In conclusion, there is one thing that has never been offered to you before in any city, but Grand Rapids is always first in doing things for the veterans. I want you to pay very close attention to this. We are going to offer to each comrade who attends the convention free hotel accommodations in the headquarters hotel for the 3-day period through the convention. In other words, if you come to the convention next year in Grand Rapids, or your comrades, you will get your

hotel accommodations free for 3 days. That is very important. It will allow a great many of your comrades who would otherwise consider the expense to come and attend the convention.

I know of no other way to express our deep feeling toward the comrades than to offer you those free hotel accommodations. I will therefore close, assuring you that everything will be done to make your convention a success in Grand Rapids next year. I sincerely hope that we will have this honor, privilege, and pleasure of entertaining you. Thank you most kindly.

I will be glad to answer any questions the comrades and the secretary have. I have invitations here from the business and civic interests, the mayor, and the hotel association, assuring you that rates and everything will be in accordance with your wishes, and I turn those over to the secretary.

Secretary FLOOD. Mr. Schopps, do you mean if a comrade comes with an escort that the room will be for the comrade and the escort? They all have to have an escort.

Mr. SCHOPPS. I will be glad to enlarge upon my original plan of giving the room just to the comrade. But if he has an escort with him, he will also be accommodated without cost. Are there any other questions?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. My comrades, I have a few words to say in response to the gentleman who offers this most enticing invitation. That is not going to bring me there. But I have been there several times.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I rise to a point of order. Until these people that have tendered these invitations have finished and have retired, it is out of order.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrade Stritch is in order now.

Comrade STRITCH. I thank you, Commander in Chief, for your consideration. I always try to behave myself. Commander in Chief and my comrades, my reason for making that response to that most magnificent invitation that this individual from Grand Rapids offered us is this: You may be able to meet all your bills, but there are some of our comrades who are not so well able. I am, thank God, but I speak in consideration of the rest of my comrades who may not be so well fixed with this world's goods. Therefore, I wanted to give that magnificent offer an acceptance. I have been to Grand Rapids, Mich.; always well pleased. I want to say openly and fearlessly, I am for Grand Rapids, not for myself but for the consideration of my comrades. That is all, Commander. I thank you, comrades, for letting me talk.

Adjutant General THOMAS AMBROSE. I listened with a great deal of interest to the propositions made by the representatives of these various municipalities. I do not think that this floor at this time is the proper place to thresh out all the merits and demerits, if any there be, attached to any of the propositions, and I therefore move you that all these communications be referred to the executive committee of the incoming administration for such action as that committee may recommend to the national council. I make that as a motion. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Any remarks on that?

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. I believe that requires a second, but I would like to speak on the subject, Commander in Chief and comrades. Your next encampment is going to be your diamond-jubilee

encampment, and there are more than the comrades interested in that great event.

California, or the Pacific coast anywhere, has paid us a great honor by their constant attendance at every one of our encampments. But those who wish to go to California are seeking some way to provide means to get there besides paying from their pocket the enormous cost to get there from all parts of the United States. Remember that this encampment next year will be attended more largely than any other encampment we have had. Therefore, don't let us be too deliberate or too quick in deciding on the place we go. I think we ought to take into consideration other orders who have supported us and let them have their say.

In other words, it has already been canvassed to this effect—that if you will provide ways and means, in a small way at least, we will go 50-50 in order to get there. In other words, give us 50 percent of our expenses in some manner, and this can all be done. Colonel Bennett has already made arrangements that his State will pay the comrades' fare. But that don't take in the assistants to the comrades in any shape or manner.

Therefore, I move the acceptance of this motion, the purpose of this motion, and add to that a joint committee from all organizations on this question of location. I second the motion to that effect with that amendment. I have made an amendment, but I will make it clearly so you can understand. I second the motion as made by Comrade Ambrose, and I add this amendment, that we take a representative from each order that belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic in any way, shape, or manner and ask them to furnish one—the heads of the orders *ex officio*—but they furnish one of the rank who is deeply interested on a committee, and that the executive committee be combined as of the Grand Army by the orders.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. I second that amendment. It suits me very well.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gage's amendment was to the effect that the Grand Army give up its right to settle where it should meet and call in one representative of each of the allied orders to determine the matter. That is the amendment that you are voting on.

Comrade EASTERLY. Commander in Chief, I am very emphatic in supporting that amendment. I believe the auxiliary orders should be consulted in their desires about where we meet next time. I am emphatically in favor of that amendment.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Any other remarks? Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor of this motion will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." [Cries of "no."] I think we will have to call the roll.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, do you wish a roll call to settle that question, or shall it be by rising vote of those in favor and those opposed?

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER of Michigan. By rising vote.

Comrade GAGE. I hope you will clearly understand this, that the Grand Army personally, itself, is not the only ones that are interested. There is 10 to 1 that attend our encampments and make our encampments possible to occur. Therefore we ought to consider them and show them some respect and some regard for their courtesy

to us. That is all there is to it. You are just simply recognizing their desires. [Applause.] Therefore I call for a rising vote on this question.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. You did not state your position in this matter. You want these members to join a committee appointed by this encampment. State it. You did not state it.

Comrade GAGE. Commander Mennet says I did not express it so you will understand it. We simply want a representative from each allied order to become members of our committee on location. You get that clearly? Is that understood? That is what the motion means. Now that is a very essential matter, and I hope you will vote in favor of it.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Any further remarks?

Comrade C. J. ROSE, of Florida. I want to ask one question. Is this convention to wait until these committees report from the different organizations before we can say we will have our encampment? We will have to wait. We cannot decide it today, then?

Secretary FLOOD. No. Commander in Chief, may I answer Comrade Rose and say the original motion was to leave the entire matter to the incoming executive committee to investigate the financial responsibilities of these cities. None of them have really the money in hand to meet it. They haven't it raised. Now, the amendment of Comrade Gage is to add one representative from each of the allied organizations to meet with the incoming executive committee and decide where you will meet; and the question before the house is on the amendment.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, you have heard the motion. It has been discussed pretty thoroughly. All in favor of referring this matter to the executive committee——

Secretary FLOOD. All in favor of the amendment. You must pass on that before the original motion.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor of the amendment to the motion will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no."

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. The question was—all those in favor would rise. When they sit down those opposed would rise.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, all in favor of the motion will please stand.

Comrade EASTERLY. That is the amendment. Don't forget yourself.

Comrade ALBERT G. JONES, of Idaho. What are we voting on?

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Jones, the amendment is to add to the executive committee one member of each of our Grand Army organizations to work with the executive committee to determine where you will meet. All those in favor stand until we count you.

There are two members on the platform who say they have not had an opportunity to be heard.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. I would like to say that there are a number of the associated organizations that are opposed to going to Grand Rapids, and in view of that fact it seems to me that there would be wisdom in leaving this matter to the executive committee and be represented by other members of the affiliated organizations.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. That is the question now before the house.

Adjutant General THOMAS AMBROSE. Regarding the amendment proposed by Comrade Gage, it seems to me that that is opening the door to everybody outside to come in and decide what the Grand Army of the Republic shall do. I don't think that the organized Grand Army of the Republic had any such idea, and especially when the constitution and bylaws were reorganized about 3 years ago at Madison, Wis. There they said that the Grand Army shall exist so long as there is a single member remaining, and I am for it until the last man goes. Now let's not take in—much as I respect all of our auxiliaries and much as I respect the American Legion and all that—I know something of the politics that governs some of these bodies, and I should be very sorry to see their form of politics introduced into this organization.

Comrade A. C. ESTABROOK, of Michigan. I call for a vote on this amendment.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I don't exactly agree with you, Comrade Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, in regard to this matter. We are growing old, and to my opinion we are very, very far wrong in saying that we shall have no successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. I believe that our incorporation papers should be changed and we should appoint a representative organization to hold together our different organizations after we are gone; and I favor this amendment.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. Commander and comrades, I object to the amendment, for the reason it conveys the idea we no longer have the ability to conduct the affairs of our own organization, and I am not ready to surrender that privilege to any other outside bodies that outnumber us 10 to 1. For that reason I am opposed to the amendment.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander, we must not lose sight of the fact—

Comrade JOHN SHEARER, of Texas. Commander, I endorse every word that comrade said. If we are not competent to run our own business we better quit.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Let us recognize this fact, my dear comrades, that there are 50 in these different organizations where there is 1 of us, and this organization of ours today exists on account of the loyal support, financial support, that these federated organizations have given us. Their loyalty and devotion and their love has had much to do with the perpetuation of this organization, and I think that they ought to be considered. They are a fine body, they are an executive body, and they are an intelligent body, and they would add intelligence to our committee, and I think we ought to consider them as a matter of courtesy and of loving appreciation for the greatest organization that exists.

Comrade GAGE. Commander in Chief, I wish to withdraw the amendment and stand by the original motion and allow the executive committee the authority to advise with the allied orders.

Secretary FLOOD. The original motion is to refer the matter of invitations to the incoming executive committee.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, the motion now to be voted on is to refer this matter to the executive committee. All in favor of that will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it and so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. You cannot lawfully withdraw a motion after it is put without the consent of those who seconded it.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I seconded it.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. I seconded that amendment, and I will agree with the man who made it.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. What is the next matter?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I have a resolution to present which was unanimously adopted by the committee at the session yesterday afternoon. Will the secretary be kind enough to read that resolution?

(Whereupon the shorthand reporter read the following resolution:)

Whereas H. R. 7981 has passed the House:

"Be it resolved, That this encampment send a telegram to Senator Minton, chairman of the Senate Committee on Pensions, asking this bill be acted upon by the Senate as soon as possible."

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. I support that. I move the adoption of this resolution. [The motion prevailed.]

Secretary FLOOD. There is another resolution of thanks to all the bodies of Springfield, and the resolutions committee gave me the authority to prepare that. I have to secure the names that belong in it. So I would like authority from the encampment to finish up those resolutions with the names of all the people who should be included, and have it printed in the journal.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. Commander in Chief, I rise to move that our very able secretary, Miss Flood, will have that desired authority. [Motion seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.] Following are the resolutions, as authorized:

Whereas for the second time the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is experiencing the friendly hospitality of the State of Illinois in the city of Springfield: Be it

Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to the officials and people of the State of Illinois and the city of Springfield; to Hon. Walter Hagler, chairman, and all members of the national encampment committee, to Oscar Ansell, manager of the convention bureau and his staff; to the press of the city; to the members of the various organizations of veterans of other wars; to the civic and fraternal bodies; to the police, both State and city; to the Boy Scouts; to the custodian, and staff, of the Illinois State Armory, and to the personnel of the hotels; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation to the President of the United States and the Members of the Congress for allowing the United States Marine Band to attend this encampment; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Capt. William F. Santelmann and the members of the United States Marine Band for their generous proffer of music on all occasions.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. Commander in Chief, I am the chairman of the committee on a resolution on the death of Comrade Edwin J. Foster, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I haven't that with me here, but I will hand

it in to the secretary so it will be included in our report of this meeting.
(The memorial will be found at p. 252 of this journal.)

Past Commander in Chief **RUSSELL C. MARTIN**. Commander in Chief, I am the chairman of the committee on Comrade Willett. We have this report signed. I would like to turn it in. That is all that is required.

Comrade **J. W. CARROLL**, of North Dakota. I move, on account of the voluminosity of the report made on behalf of our Past Commander in Chief Willett, that the reading be dispensed with and that the memorial be inscribed on the memorial page of the record of this convention. That is my motion. [The motion prevailed.]

(The memorial will be found at p. 250 of this journal.)

Past Commander in Chief **MENNET**. Commander in Chief, I wish to include my report on Comrade Foster in the same condition.

Past Commander in Chief **ROWND**. In obedience to his request, I move it be accepted. [Motion put to the encampment by the commander in chief and carried.]

Commander in Chief **ANDERSON**. Are there any committees ready to report?

Comrade **A. R. KIBBE**, of Wisconsin. I move a suspension of the rules of order and that we proceed to the election of commander for the coming year.

Commander in Chief **ANDERSON**. The committees have to report first.

Past Commander in Chief **RUSSELL C. MARTIN**. Commander, I want to make a report of the committee of greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps. We visited them and had a very, very nice reception and enjoyed the visit very much. These girls have a very, very large meeting, and they are doing wonderful, wonderful work this year. We enjoyed our visit, and I believe that they enjoyed us by the way that they acted and what they said. We want to report a wonderful meeting with the Woman's Relief Corps.

Secretary **FLOOD**. Has the committee been to visit the Ladies of the Grand Army yet?

Comrade **RUSTAN O. REED**, of Washington and Alaska. Yes, ma'am. I made a report yesterday.

Secretary **FLOOD**. Have they been to the Sons of Veterans?

Comrade **CALVIN H. BLANCHARD**, of California and Nevada. I could not get my committee. I want to try and go after we adjourn this meeting.

Secretary **FLOOD**. The Auxiliary to the Sons. Comrades Palmer, Shumate, and Regli. They will be able to go possibly when we adjourn, because I think they will still be in session, and the report can be turned in at headquarters to be incorporated in the journal.

There is a committee on the report of the commander in chief to report, and the committee on the reports of other officers. Are those reports ready?

Comrade **H. C. SHUMATE**, of Illinois. I move that this meeting adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Comrade **A. R. KIBBE**, of Wisconsin. Move that we proceed with the election of officers.

Secretary **FLOOD**. Committee on the address of the commander in chief—Rownd, Mennet, and Estabrook. They can turn their report in.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Nominations are in order for commander in chief.

Comrade T. J. NOLL, of Iowa. In voting on these officers will it be by individuals or States?

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. States. You poll your vote. Those present only.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. We are ready now for nominations for commander in chief.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. I move that the nomination speeches be limited to not exceed five minutes. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. The motion is that we limit all the speeches to 5 minutes for commander in chief—for any man that is nominated for any office. We will include all the offices. Is that seconded? [Seconded.] It is seconded. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." So ordered.

(The roll of departments was then called by the secretary for nominations for the office of commander in chief and the following proceedings were had:)

Comrade CALVIN H. BLANCHARD, of California and Nevada. Comrades, it gives me pleasure to nomination Comrade Nixon as our next commander in chief.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. I second the nomination.

Secretary FLOOD. We will have all the nominations and then will call for seconds. That is the law.

Comrade TRUMAN N. PARSONS, of Connecticut. Connecticut nominates Nixon.

Comrade D. G. DUELL, of North Dakota. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army, I hope you will be patient with me for about 2 minutes while I present the name of a candidate whom I know is worthy of your support. I have known him for 40 years, and I know that he has been a strong maintainer of the Grand Army of the Republic. The man that I shall name is a resident of the State of North Dakota. After being rejected twice on account of age and size he enlisted in a New York regiment and proceeded to Washington, D. C., to join the Army of the Potomac. He participated in nearly all the major battles of that Army, including Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and others. He came to North Dakota and organized in the Dakota Territory the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he has been a consistent member of our organization from that time on. I want to say for him right now that while I have known him for 40 years I know that he has been the mainstay of that order for that length of time.

Comrades, I do hope, I do trust that you will honor J. W. Carroll for this office, that you will honor the State of North Dakota, and honor ourselves by electing J. W. Carroll for this office.

Secretary FLOOD. That was Comrade D. G. Duell, of North Dakota, nominating Comrade J. W. Carroll. [The calling of the roll was continued and concluded without further nominations.] Two nominations, Commander—W. W. Nixon of Kansas, and J. W. Carroll. We

will give you a couple of minutes to poll your delegation, department commanders, so you know how your department will vote.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. Do you want to give us a chance to second nominations?

Secretary FLOOD. Ready for the seconds now.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. I esteem it as a very great honor and an appropriate opportunity in which to second the nomination of a man I have known as long as anybody identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, a man of business honor, a man of integrity, representing a State that has had, as you know, as large a representation of Grand Army men as any State in the Union—a State that had 165,000 in the field, loyal, devoted members of the Grand Army—and one of the most loyal, devoted men associated and connected with that State. He represents the purest and noblest principles in our national life and commands our admiration. You know him as well as I do, and all I have to do is to present his name, and that I take very great pleasure at this time in doing—W. W. Nixon of Kansas.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. I very happily second that nomination.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander in Chief, and comrades of the Grand Army of this Republic, I arise to second the nomination of Comrade Nixon. He comes from a State that is noted as one of the States in America where the question that we fought for first came before the public—John Brown's old State, his adopted State. He went from Osawatimie, Kans., to Harpers Ferry, where he was hanged for the question that we fought for, to free this country of slavery and defend democracy. I second the nomination of Nixon for commander in chief.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Are there any other seconds to the nomination? If not, the nominations will close.

Comrade A. O. GERE, of Kansas. Could I just say a word? Commander, I am going to speak just a few words in favor of Comrade Nixon. I have known him ever since 1883, and we have been together continually attending encampments and he has been always true and faithful, always willing to do and help any comrade or anyone that is in distress. Therefore I second the nomination of Comrade Nixon.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. As one of the parties mostly interested in the commander in chief's election, for the reason that Kansas has been, as you might say, sidetracked time and time again, we owe it as an organization to stand by the present nomination and elect him as candidate for commander in chief.

Comrade A. R. KIBBE, of Wisconsin. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish to second the nomination of Comrade J. W. Carroll. I have known him for a long while and I don't think there is any better man in the service than J. W. Carroll.

Comrade G. I. GORDON, of Oklahoma. Comrades and Commander, I wish to second his nomination as a debt of gratitude due for a generation to Comrade Nixon. My father on his death bed at St. Louis, Michigan Springs, a generation ago, in 1871, was there with my older brother. My older brother was there to attend to him in his helplessness. My father died there in the presence of a number of men who were greatly impressed by the manner in which he met the death sum-

mons. One of the men there by the name of Nixon, one of these men, took such an interest in my brother that he handed him without any solicitation sufficient funds to purchase a casket and make all arrangements for the transportation of that body back to Monmouth, Ill. Comrade Nixon has never heard this story until just now. I began to tell it to him the other day, and it is a debt of gratitude. A nephew of mine that is now an elderly man, and a very successful man in his line of business, is named Joseph Nixon. In honor of, and in gratitude for that debt and for that fine action, I take pleasure in seconding this motion and this nomination and ask you for the unanimous support of Comrade Nixon, not because of any disrespect in any way for the other nominee, whom I honor also.

Secretary FLOOD. Are you ready to vote?
(The roll of departments was then called by the secretary, with the following result:)

Department	Nixon	Carroll	Department	Nixon	Carroll
California and Nevada ¹	5	3	New Hampshire		2
Colorado and Wyoming	3	1	New Jersey		1
Connecticut	2		New York	3	
Florida		1	North Dakota		2
Idaho		1	Ohio	1	
Illinois	6		Oklahoma	2	
Indiana	5		Oregon	1	
Iowa	4		Pennsylvania		1
Kansas	4		Texas	1	
Maine	3		Utah	1	
Massachusetts	2	2	Virginia and North		
Michigan	4		Carolina		1
Minnesota		3	Washington and Alaska	2	
Missouri	6		Wisconsin	1	1

¹ The vote of California was first announced as 8 for Nixon. Past Commander in Chief Mennet protested that the delegation had not been polled. The vote was subsequently announced and recorded as above.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Fifty-six votes for Nixon; 19 for Carroll. Comrades, you have heard the returns; 56 votes for Nixon and 19 for Carroll. I declare Nixon elected.

Comrade W. W. NIXON, of Kansas. Comrades, I thank you. I am very happy to be elected commander in chief here at Springfield, Abraham Lincoln's old homestead. I can say that I did not come out years ago because I just felt I was not capable of filling the shoes of the illustrious men that had been commanders before. But with your help, comrades, and the help of Katharine Flood, I think we can get through all right. I thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in chief, there is a greetings committee at the door from the Woman's Relief Corps; their national president and 10 past national presidents.

(The committee was admitted and presented to the encampment.)

Mrs. ELFIE F. CARROLL, president, National Woman's Relief Corps. Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson, and all comrades, it is certainly an inspiration to me to come before you this morning. This is my first opportunity to come before this convention; and it is an honor and privilege I clearly want to express to you.

I bring you the customary annual report of the president of the National Woman's Relief Corps for the year's activities. [Reading:]

MY DEAR COMMANDER: It is a privilege and an honor to present to you and through you to the Seventy-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, a brief summary of the work accomplished by the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, from June 30, 1939, to June 30, 1940:

Number of departments.....	36
Number of provisional departments.....	2
Number of corps in the order June 30, 1940.....	1, 710
Number of persons assisted.....	43, 267
Amount in cash expended for relief.....	\$12, 279. 44
Estimated relief other than cash.....	\$251, 222. 95
Total expended for relief.....	\$263, 502. 39
Number of soldiers' graves reported decorated on May 30, 1940.....	237, 053
Number of schoolrooms in which flags were placed.....	1, 380
Number of flags given to Sunday schools, churches, lodges, courtrooms, and schoolhouses	5, 224
Total number of flags given.....	5, 606
Total amount expended in patriotic work.....	\$22, 574. 05

In addition to the above we have contributed the following amounts:

For Spanish War veterans.....	\$192. 16
For World War veterans and nurses.....	1, 228. 87
For soldiers' homes.....	1, 635. 55
For soldiers' widows' homes.....	1, 550. 70
For soldiers' orphans' homes.....	339. 29
For child welfare.....	31, 708. 28
For Americanization work.....	3, 795. 06
Cash balance on hand in general fund of the corps, June 30, 1940.....	126, 051. 24
Total value of corps property.....	212, 680. 14
Total assets.....	254, 736. 14

ELFIE F. CARROLL,
National President.

In addition to that we have made many memorials—West Point, Annapolis, and this year the Coast Guard at New London, Conn. We have made memorials in many, many other departments. There are a great many angles of our patriotic work which has not been reported in detail. I submit to you, Commander in Chief, this report and move its adoption.

Commander in Chief, it is a great pleasure to me to bring you the sincere greetings and good wishes of the National Woman's Relief Corps, and we pledge to you—every member individually and your organization as a whole—the very best we can give, and in the future years to come continued honor and regard and love as a memorial to you.

I understand that you have just recently elected the new commander in chief, and I want to be the first to congratulate and wish well Commander in Chief Comrade Nixon.

Now it is my privilege and pleasure to present to you Marie Basham, of Des Moines, senior past national president; Bell W. Bliss, of Wisconsin; Grace B. Willard, of California; Catherine McBride Hoster, of Indiana; Kate G. Raynor, of Ohio; Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, of Pennsylvania; Beatrice J. Tyson, of New York; Ida Heacock Baker, of Kansas; Elizabeth L. Kothe, of Iowa; and Rhoda Denny Moss, of Washington. [Applause.]

We wish for you happiness through your convention, success in all your deliberations, and good health as you return from this convention to your respective homes. I thank you.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrade Martin, I would ask you to respond to these ladies.

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. Commander and these national officers of the Woman's Relief Corps that have come to bring us their greetings and their love and their friendship:

Take a good look at them. They have been the ones who have conducted the Woman's Relief Corps for many, many years. They have been the ones that we sometimes call the wheelhorses to conduct this great organization, the greatest organization in the United States, it used to be. But the World War was a little bit larger. But the Auxiliary of the World War is not half as loving, or don't take any interest in them, and we don't like to say any good words about it particularly—only their good work. That is all.

To these ladies that are here, all of you comrades as you sit here and look at them, have known them and worked with them during all of these years, and all the happiness and joys and everything that have come to them in every way from the time you joined yourselves with them as a Grand Army of the Republic; and we are delighted this morning to have them visit us that you may look every one of them in the face, and go back over these years, as you are, and thinking after you leave here that you have seen every one of these workers that you have known all of these years and have enjoyed and loved—that the Grand Army of the Republic has loved—the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, who have been with us more than 50 years of these ups and downs and sideways both in this great struggle that has been had to not only get a living but to carry on this great patriotic work that they are carrying on. And I am proud of them, and I hope that every one of you are proud of them. [Applause.] If not, you haven't got much pride in you. That is all there is to it.

And, girls, we are glad to have you here this morning. It seems to me as we visit the Woman's Relief Corps, as well as others of our allies, that I myself as an individual like to carry a message to them, even if I didn't open my mouth, by being present in their meetings and looking at their smiling faces and give them something that—I don't know, some expression of some magnetism or something that after I am gone that they have not forgotten me. I like to feel that. I like to feel that I have done something, even with the smallest gift or anything else that I could possibly give them, to feel that I am still in contact with them no matter where I am, when I am here, there or anywhere. That is the way I feel.

I want this same feeling to penetrate here today, because we don't know if we will all meet here again. That it is the admiration I have for them and the reverence I have for them. I don't know what it is, but I like to give it to them whenever I go in to see them or any of them, and I would like to have every one of you do the same thing. Reverence, that something that is so final and penetrating that they don't forget you or we don't forget them. I thank you, girls.

Mrs. CARROLL. Thank you, Colonel, for those words. I think perhaps Mrs. Bennett wanted to say just a word to her commander in chief.

Mrs. MARGARET J. LEWIS BENNETT. Commander in Chief, I just could not help but bring you greetings of your own State while you

were presiding over this august body of the Grand Army. It is our greatest desire and wish that this convention will be completed to very much the credit of Pennsylvania. I don't know whether you know that is what we want. That is what we do in Pennsylvania. Comrade Anderson, I am glad to bring you these greetings and to thank the comrades of this convention for your advancement to the office of commander in chief, regretting very much that it was not by your election as we had hoped, but by your succeeding our deceased Comrade Andrew.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I don't like to butt into this, but I would like to say something to these ladies. I am going to amplify the remarks of the speaker that you called upon.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Make it short. We are getting hungry.

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. Commander in Chief, Ladies, National President, membership and comrades, talk about the loving affection and all of that, but we did not mention the material support. He said there was something. Well, I think there is something. There is many dollars that passed through the hands of these 16 past presidents in their long years of work in financially supporting this organization. To them we owe our existence as an organization. The Grand Army of the Republic would have passed into a disorganized organization years ago but for the financial support of the Woman's Relief Corps. Of later years our other allied orders have joined in and assisted them.

But 57 years ago in Colorado they were made our Auxiliary, and they are our Auxiliary today, and will be the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic when the Grand Army of the Republic is no more. Now I want to tell these ladies, if I can, just how much you all think of them—at least what I think of them, and personally I hope that each one of you will join me in this sentiment. [Singing "When We Grow Too Old to Dream."]

Comrade J. W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. While it may appear to be out of order, I would be glad to make a motion that the election of Comrade Nixon be declared unanimous. [Applause]

Comrade W. W. NIXON, of Kansas. Thank you.

Comrade CARROLL. Of course, you cannot put the motion, as I understand. This is not a business session.

Mrs. CARROLL. I am happy to stand here on the platform with my comrade husband and your next commander in chief. I am glad to be able to stand here with my husband and also with the next commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, two fine, splendid, Christian comrades and citizens, and I wish for Comrade Nixon, as I know you do, a most happy, helpful and constructive year. And to all of you, God bless you.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor of the motion give their consent by saying "aye." It is unanimous.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY. I move we adjourn until 1:30.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, we haven't adjourned yet. We want to vote on this motion. Is the motion seconded? [Motion seconded.] Any remarks? We will now adjourn. Your motion was to 1:30? All in favor of that will give their consent by

saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it. So we are adjourned until 1:30. Please be prompt in coming back here. We want to get through. (12:25 p. m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1940

Afternoon session, 1:57 p. m.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, we are now open for business. We will have the chaplain in chief deliver the invocation.

Chaplain in Chief JOSHUA C. PEARCE. Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the continuance of Thy goodness and mercy toward us, that we are still able to commence our meeting and carry on the works of the Grand Army of the Republic. We know that Thou art with us and wilt go with us to our resting place and be with us until we meet again.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Continuation of the election of officers.

Secretary FLOOD. Nominations for senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York, Commander in Chief and my comrades, it is my pleasure here today to perform an act that I am proud to do—that is, to nominate for senior vice commander in chief a comrade whom I know is thoroughly able to conduct the business of the department. I had the pleasure to ride with the comrade to the World's Fair. Unfortunately our commander in chief at that time, while out on official round of duty, was taken sick and unable to proceed on his journey. But the comrade that I am about to place in nomination for vice commander in chief was thoroughly able to represent his superior officer. I was commander of the Department of the State of New York and in company with my comrade whom I will nominate when I am ready we went to pay our respects to Mayor LaGuardia. He received us most graciously and at the end of our interview—we were both guests of the city of New York, and Mayor LaGuardia paid very particular attention to the representative of the commander in chief. Then the mayor ordered six automobiles, and then he called up the administrator of the building at the World's Fair and stated that he was sending down there a number of veterans who were accompanied by quite a number of ladies. So we proceeded on to the World's Fair. We had a bully good time down there eating and drinking—not too much, you know, but sufficient to serve the inner man. There and then I made a fair acquaintance with the comrade whom I propose for your senior vice commander in chief. I found that while he represented the commander in chief he did it so ably and thoroughly represented him that he will fill any position we may tender to him. I think the new commander in chief will be satisfied if he has your support for my nomination.

Now, my comrades, I propose or offer to you the name for senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic of my comrade and friend. This is my comrade whom I am proposing, Comrade Ambrose. We are both about the same size. But I can assure you, comrades, that not only you but the commander in chief will have a very able assistant, and I hope in the Lord you will give him your support. I thank you all.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, Comrade Ambrose has been nominated for senior vice commander. Are there any other nominations?

Comrade HIRAM H. SHUMATE of Illinois. Comrades, I wish to second the nomination of Comrade Thomas Ambrose of Post 5 of Chicago, Ill. I don't think it is necessary to give a whole host of facts about him. We went over the past; the present and future is what we are concerned with—not the past. The past is gone. There is a man that is competent to fill any position in the Grand Army of the Republic, perfectly qualified. I wish I could second the motion a dozen times, but I don't think it is necessary. I think you all know him.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL of North Dakota. If there is no objection I would move that Comrade Ambrose be elected by acclamation on the vote of the organization. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion, comrades, that we vote for Comrade Ambrose—that the vote be by acclamation.

Comrade CARROLL. If there are no other candidates.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Are there no other candidates?

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE of Illinois. I was asked to second the nomination. I want to make a motion, Commander in Chief. As there is no other nominee for senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, I move that the adjutant general be instructed to cast one ballot for Thomas Ambrose as senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. There is a motion that he be elected by acclamation.

Comrade GAGE. Isn't that the same thing?

Secretary FLOOD. If he casts the ballot he is voting for himself.

Comrade GAGE. My motion is in regular form that has been put time and again in this administration that the adjutant general be instructed to cast one ballot. That means the same thing. That is all I have to say on that subject.

Secretary FLOOD. He is the adjutant general. He cannot cast it for himself.

Comrade GAGE. He can delegate somebody to cast it for him.

Secretary FLOOD. The other way is the easier.

Comrade GAGE. I will change it. Thank you. Then I will change it, Commander in Chief. I would ask the second motion on that be withdrawn. I was ruled out on that. Therefore I move that the candidate for senior vice commander of the Grand Army of the Republic be elected by acclaim of this body.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. That is acclamation.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion, comrades, that the election be by acclamation for Comrade Ambrose for senior vice commander. Are there any remarks? If not, all in favor of Comrade Ambrose for senior vice commander will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." Unanimous. I declare Comrade Ambrose elected.

Are there any nominations for junior vice commander?

Comrade J. W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. I desire to take this opportunity to nominate for junior vice commander in chief Comrade Rustan O. Reed of Washington and Alaska. He is a true soldier

and also the son of a veteran. and I take pleasure in nominating him for the position of junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Rustan O. Reed.

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. I would second the motion to nominate Comrade Reed for junior vice commander.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion. It has been seconded. Are there any other nominations? If not, we will note on the comrade who has been nominated, Rustan O. Reed.

Comrade IRA STORMES, of Utah. I make the motion that we elect him by acclamation.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. It has been moved and seconded that we elect him by acclamation. Are there any remarks on that motion? All in favor of Comrade Reed for junior vice commander give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." Comrade Reed is elected junior vice commander.

We are ready now for nominations for surgeon general.

Comrade JOHN SHEARER, of Texas. I wish to nominate Dr. Edward Cowan of Indiana as surgeon general. I have known him for 15 years, and he is a good loyal fellow. I am brief in my speeches.

Comrade STORMES. Second the motion.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I second the nomination of Dr. Cowan for surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Are there any other candidates for surgeon general? You have heard the name of Dr. Cowan. If there is no other nomination we will ask you to vote. All in favor of the doctor will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." Dr. Cowan is elected.

Chaplain in Chief: Are there any nominations for chaplain in chief?

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. Comrades, I want to nominate a man who has served two terms and served them well. There is not a better qualified chaplain in chief in our department than Joshua C. Pearce, the man who has performed that duty for us for the last year. I nominate Joshua C. Pearce for chaplain in chief.

Comrade IRA STORMES, of Utah. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Are there any other nominations for chaplain in chief? If not, all in favor of the election will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." Comrade Pearce is elected.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, last Friday an officer of this national encampment was mustered out. A past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps from his home city would like to pay a tribute to him here, Mrs. Mary J. Love.

Mrs. LOVE. Commander in Chief and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, first, I bring you greetings as a past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. I was on my way to come over and see you this morning when the group of past national presidents came here. And so I want to pay my tribute to you as a past national president, having served with Oley Nelson.

Now last Friday morning we were so distressed in the Department of Kentucky because our splendid Grand Army man passed away.

He had everything ready to come to you. And the Department of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic, feel they have lost their leader; you as the national organization, your quartermaster general—and you have also lost a splendid leader, M. H. Davidson.

I want to pay tribute this afternoon to a splendid Grand Army man. He has given his services to the Grand Army, and if it had not been for Commander Davidson in the State of Kentucky there would be no department. Commander Graham of Kentucky has given me the privilege of serving as his secretary, and in memory of Commander Davidson I am going to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic insofar as I can, because Commander Davidson was also the secretary of the Grand Army. I am going to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and keep Kentucky on the rolls of the national organization until it is impossible to do so. [Applause.]

As long as we have a Grand Army man in Kentucky he will be represented in this organization at your national encampment. And when we meet in April next year at our annual convention Commander Graham is going to have the finest memorial service for Commander Davidson that it is possible for us to have. And we are not only going to have the members of the allied organizations; we are going to have the public of Louisville. Because every year on February 12 the Lincoln Club of Louisville invited Commander Davidson to be their distinguished guest.

On the Sunday before Memorial Day Commander Davidson was the distinguished guest of the Memorial Day committee of Louisville. And on Memorial Day he was the distinguished guest in the largest national cemetery in the United States of America. So on next Memorial Day we are going to have a memorial service which will include every veterans' organization, and there are 32, along with the auxiliary organizations; there are 32. We are going to pay a tribute to Comrade Davidson and to the National Grand Army of the Republic.

I could not let you close your session without these words of tribute to Comrade Davidson, a splendid man and a splendid comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. I move that this tribute to our late quartermaster general be inscribed on the records of this encampment. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor give their consent by saying "aye." All opposed, "no." [Carried.]

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I move that you appoint a committee to prepare resolutions, such resolutions as may be placed in our journal, if I meet with a second. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. The motion is seconded. Comrades, you have heard the motion that a committee be appointed to have these resolutions put in the journal. Are there remarks? If not, those in favor will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." So ordered.

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. Commander in Chief, I suggest that our organization stand in silence in remembrance of our Comrade Davidson and our comrades that have passed during the past year—our Past Commanders in Chief Willett, Foster, Jewel,

Stacey, and Andrew. I suggest that we stand for a few moments in silence.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. It is moved that we stand for a few moments in silence.

(The members of the encampment stood in silence for a few moments, after which Past Commander in Chief Mennet sang an adaptation of Taps.)

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, a greetings committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is in waiting.

Mrs. LOVE. Commander, I appreciate the privilege of standing before this wonderful body of men, and I wish for you a prosperous year, and may each and every one be with us next year, for we love you truly.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I appoint on the committee Comrades Mennet, Ambrose, and Graham of Kentucky.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. I have the pleasure of presenting past national presidents of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Mrs. Orsborn and her committee.

Mrs. CASSEA HOPPER ORSBORN. Comrade Commander in Chief and my dear comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, year after year I come over to bring my greetings, either with a committee or personally, and this morning I have the very great distinction and honor of being chairman of the committee for the first time in my life, and so I have come to you with a special greeting.

I am not going to take any of your time to make a speech except to tell you one thing, that I love you just as I have always loved you. You are just like rare old China, the older you get the more precious you become. You are dear to me because of the service you have rendered and because you are my father's comrades.

I will close with just this word and give the others a chance to say something. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, this afternoon—

Had I the touch of the master's art,
Or the gift of the minstrel's pen,
I would paint your flag on every loyal heart,
I would sing of you loyal men.
Then I would dip my brush in the morning light
Where it streameth to make the dawn,
And I would line off the bars on the field of white
With the blood of heroes gone.
Then I would write of your deeds of valor and might
On pages of history that are new,
Of America's flag, unsullied in fight,
Of Old Glory, the red, the white, the blue.

This is Mrs. Clara N. Sawyer of California, past National president of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. SAWYER. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, yes; I am a past national president of our great organization, an organization which exists because of the sacrifice of the veterans. I represent the widows of your comrades, the men who touched elbows with you in service. I represent the women of our organization who, like yourselves, enlisted in that great struggle. There was only one woman ever to receive the honor of major, Dr. Belle Raynor, who lived for years in our California and ended her days there, a wonderful woman, who, on the battlefield of Shiloh, amid shot and shell, rendered wonderful service to the surgeons at

that time. Past Department Commander Vest and Comrade Shelly of San Diego were among those she ministered to.

Such are the women that belong to this organization, women who have given a lifetime—myself included—of more than 50 years of service to the veteran and his dependents. And perhaps I am one of a few who can say to you that I was present the first Memorial Day in the city of Boston, my home city, May 30, 1868, and I have been present at every memorial service since except when illness prevented.

Comrades, we know what you did, and you know what the mothers, the wives, the sisters, and daughters from 1861 to 1865 did for you and your dependents. We are proud indeed that this heritage comes to us. That honorable discharge which admits you to your organization admits the members to our organization, and we cherish that yellowed and worn piece of paper.

We are glad to bring you greetings and to assure you that the work which you have carried on all of these years will still be carried on by those of us who follow in your footsteps. And never will we allow that flag to be desecrated in any way.

Some of our number are not able to come on these missions that they enjoy to bring greetings, and I say to you, but in their name and the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we bring our love, our gratitude, and the assurance that forever your memory will remain a bright spot in the history of the United States of America.

Mrs. ORSBORN. This is Sister Helen Lehman, past national president, from New Jersey.

Mrs. LEHMAN. Commander in Chief and Sister Flood, and all our boys, after these two splendid orators there doesn't seem to be much that I can say. But it did come into my mind that I had the very happy privilege of extending greetings to your organization some 15 years ago. Of course you must have looked a little younger, and I must have, but it did seem to me as I sat here that my eyes must have changed because you all look just the same as when I had the happy privilege to visit you 15 years ago.

I want to say I thank you very much on behalf of New Jersey for the splendid election which you gave to our own beloved Comrade McCoy. We are so happy about that election, so happy you have honored the State of New Jersey, the mother State of the Ladies of the Grand Army. Thank you. I wish you all Godspeed to your homes and that we will all meet next year.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. Commander in Chief and Ladies of the Grand Army, it is hardly necessary for me to tell you in what veneration our comrades hold you. We think everything of all of our organizations, and to me the Ladies of the Grand Army have been a very, very dear friend. And on behalf of my comrades I greet you and am wishing for you everything and every good wish for you that may come to you and to your organization; and that you will live long and you will prosper.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Officer of the day, please escort the ladies to the outpost.

(The committee retired.)

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. Commander and comrades, I have in my mind a very, very pleasant thought, and I

want to talk to you. It doesn't require any explanation at all. You know just as much what I am going to talk about as I do myself. But I am going to offer a motion that we elect Katharine R. A. Flood for 2 years as national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. That is all.

Comrade W. W. NIXON, of Kansas. I second that motion.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. We are all ready to do that. New York seconds the motion, too.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander in Chief, have we that authority to extend the term of office beyond the next encampment? If we have, I am willing for it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. There has been a little addition added to that by one of these boys back here, that her salary shall not be reduced. That is better yet.

Comrade A. C. ESTABROOK, of Michigan. I second that motion.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. There is a motion before the house.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Easterly has raised a question as to whether you can make it 2 years.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I think we can. I think we can do anything we have a mind to.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, the motion is that we elect Miss Katharine Flood our official secretary and elect her as our secretary for the coming 2 years. [Motion again seconded.] The motion is seconded.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, may I speak? I would prefer you make it 1 year and not raise any question as to the legality of your action.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I accept that.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, the motion now is that we elect Miss Katharine Flood for 1 year. Any remarks on the motion?

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. I second that motion and recommend that appropriate courtesies be extended for the service she has rendered, as well as retaining her in her capacity at the regular rate.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I don't know how they can do any more, every one of these comrades.

Comrade GAGE. Comrades, I want to express the glad hand to our secretary from the floor of the Grand Army of the Republic. I want that put in form and properly shown on the record.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Everybody loves her. She has done everything for everybody, even if they don't belong to the Grand Army or any of the other organizations. She is one of the most wonderful women that there is in this great United States. We would like to do something—I don't know what it could be. We cannot get along without her, and she knows it. [Calls for the question.]

Comrade NIXON. Comrades, the way I feel about it I would like to see her secretary as long as we have an organization.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, the question is that we elect Miss Katharine Flood for secretary for 1 year.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. I cannot sit here without expressing myself. We have a slogan in New York City that we have the finest police in the world, and I want to say Katharine Flood is one of the finest.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Good stuff.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion and heard the remarks. All in favor——

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Stand up.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. All in favor of electing Katharine Flood for 1 year as secretary please rise. Those opposed, rise. Make it unanimous. She is elected secretary.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades of my father, this touches my heart. I have attended 40 national encampments, and I have served you since 1910 for 27 administrations. I love this work. I have no family any more, and you all belong to me. That is why I love the work. Thank you.

Comrade THOMAS AMBROSE, of Illinois. Commander in Chief, may I have a word? My comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I do not think that I should leave the assembly without expressing to you, however faintly it may be expressed, my real feelings, my sense of appreciation of the very signal honor you have bestowed upon me by unanimously electing me your second in command. Rest assured that in the future it shall be my pleasure and my duty to give you my full service according to the best of my ability. I thank you sincerely, and may God bless you all. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. Commander in Chief, I would make a motion that we all rise to show our appreciation of the wonderful service and the splendid service that Katharine R. A. Flood has performed in the past, and that we assure her our full sympathy for the sickness that she has had during the past year that she has not been so well, and we are happy to know today that she is feeling well enough and able to continue with these duties as our secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion, comrades. Any remarks on the question? [Calls for the question.]

Comrade T. J. NOLL, of Iowa. In speaking on the subject of our secretary, I move you that we add to her regular salary the insurance, hospital compensation in case of sickness or anything of that kind that we pay for the hospitalization of the secretary.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrade, please come forward where I can hear you.

Comrade RUSTAN O. REED, of Washington and Alaska. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I want to say to you that I come here from the city of Seattle, Wash., where I have been for 7 years the backbone of the Department of Washington and Alaska, 5 years as department commander and 2 years as quartermaster general. As you have been told, I am the son of a veteran, and in honor of that father who has passed to the Beyond some time ago and was a member of the Grand Army when I was a mere boy, I want to thank you for what you have done here this afternoon in elevating me to the position of junior vice commander. While it is a minor office I feel the responsibility of it. I will always stand

ready to do the best I can to advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you.

Comrade JOSHUA C. PEARCE, of Colorado and Wyoming. I am a son of a veteran. My father was in the army for 3 years. My two brothers older than I were in. My oldest brother was killed at Kenesaw Mountain; the other was wounded and he came home and died. I am the only one left. And I was in the Army for two years and a half. I want to thank the Grand Army of the Republic for the honor they have bestowed upon me. I will do my duty in praying for you that you may live to carry on your work until the last one is gone, and that we may meet in Heaven where Jesus Christ will be our captain and we will be saved forevermore and our troubles will be over. Thank you all.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. Commander, we appear to have overlooked the fact that our present judge advocate general is serving under an appointment. I believe that is an elective office.

Secretary FLOOD. No, it is not; it is appointive.

Comrade CARROLL. My mistake, and I apologize for the interference.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander-in-Chief, you have a council of administration to elect, and the names of the nominees will be read.

(The shorthand reporter then read the names reported by the several departments on yesterday, which list, with the additions made at the time of the reading, is as follows:)

Council of administration

Department	Name	Address
Arkansas	J. M. Bryant	Little Rock.
California and Nevada	Russell C. Martin	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	Lewis H. Easterly	Gunnison, Colo.
Connecticut	Truman N. Parsons	Stratford.
Florida	C. J. Rose	Miami.
Idaho	Albert G. Jones	Boise.
Illinois	John Burke	Chicago.
Indiana	Joseph B. Henninger	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Wm. H. Earnest	Seymour.
Kansas	A. O. Gere	Stafford.
Kentucky	R. R. Graham	Madisonville.
Maine	John W. Fogler	Skowhegan.
Massachusetts	George A. Gay	Nashua, N. H.
Michigan	Martin J. Warner	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	C. H. Perry	Minneapolis.
Missouri	R. B. Tyler	Joplin.
Nebraska	A. F. Rexroad	Omaha.
New Hampshire	Frank E. Amadon	Keene.
New Jersey	William H. McCoy	Trenton.
New York	Thomas H. Stritch	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	D. G. Duell	Devils Lake.
Ohio	Byron W. Joslin	Sidney.
Oklahoma	E. H. Sawyer	Minco.
Oregon	T. A. Penland	Portland.
Pennsylvania	A. W. Gabrio	Hazleton.
Potomac	Wm. F. Dorsey	Washington, D. C.
South Dakota	Charles Truax	Huron.
Texas	John Shearer	Houston.
Utah	Ira Stormes	Salt Lake City.
Virginia and North Carolina	Charles Grandy	Norfolk, Va.
Washington and Alaska	Geo. L. Foster	Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia	A. T. McMurray	Washington.
Wisconsin	A. R. Kibbe	New Richmond.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. I move that we elect these members of the Council of Administration by acclamation. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion, comrades, that we elect this council of administration by acclamation. Are there any remarks or objections? [Calls for the question.] All in favor of electing the council of administration will rise to their feet? Any opposed rise to their feet? [Carried.]

Secretary FLOOD. The chairman of the resolutions committee has had a paper handed to him. He has a resolution to offer.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. Commander in Chief, a resolution was just put in my possession. I have not had time to read it. It is a protest made by the colored soldiers who have been in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, and this is presented by as valiant soldiers as ever followed a flag or carried a gun. Do you want to hear the resolution? [Cries of "yes."] Will the secretary be kind enough to read the resolution?

(The shorthand reporter then read the following resolution to the encampment:)

We, the undersigned comrades to this encampment, wish to register our deep and bitter protest and condemnation of the cruel and undemocratic treatment accorded the members of our race by the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

When word went out from our last encampment that this year we would gather again with our fast-failing ranks in Springfield, our hearts were made to feel exceedingly glad. Here, we thought we would come and look, perhaps for the last time, upon the tomb in which lay the remains of our beloved Father Abraham.

Here our commander in chief of the Army, Gen. U. S. Grant, was commissioned to take charge of the Union forces when the cause of the Union was dark and uncertain. Here this very association, which has brought us together for 74 years, was born. Surely we were happy. Certainly nothing could happen to us on account of our color in this place so sacred to the preservation of our Nation.

But what has been our experience? On yesterday Comrade James H. Lewis of Chicago entered the coffee shop of the Abraham Hotel to get a small meal. He was bluntly and discourteously refused service in the presence of others who looked on. In shame and with a deep sense of chagrin and pain he left the room.

Shortly thereafter Comrade George W. Johnson of Kansas City entered the coffee shop in the escort of a Boy Scout. For half an hour he waited to be served and then was told that he could not be, and this in the presence of a Boy Scout—a member of that organization in whom we are trying to instill the principles of democracy and a sense of fair play. He too, in the presence of this Boy Scout and other onlookers, had to leave the room in shame and with a heart filled with sorrow.

We believe, that things like these so vital to our national life in these times and things which are so greatly at variance with the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic should not go unnoticed but should receive the widest publicity and condemnation.

Therefore, we the undersigned, present to this encampment the following resolutions:

"Be it resolved. That the Grand Army of the Republic in its seventy-fourth session in Springfield, Ill., condemn the management of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel for its discriminatory practices against members of the encampment because of their color.

"Be it resolved That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mayor of the city, the head of the convention bureau and to the manager of the said hotel.

"Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this encampment."

JAMES H. LEWIS,
Rev. BARNEY STONE,
Company E, One Hundred and Eighth Cavalry.

GEO. W. JOHNSON.
HENRY MACK.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., *September 12, 1940.*

Comrade HIRAM H. SHUMATE, of Illinois. As department commander of Illinois had these parties reported that to me I surely would have warned the folks up above about that. I believe in standing by all the Grand Army. I want to tell you my experience with the colored man and the colored people during the war was favorable. I believe in extending that. As department commander I am inclined to do that. I know I would have gone and told those folks what I thought of that. I think that is a disgrace because of their color. They were good citizens. The best citizens I have had experience with in all my life have been the colored people. I will tell you something about that.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. There is no motion before the house.

Comrade SHUMATE. I want to go on record as department commander of Illinois that I am bitterly opposed to any such action.

Comrade T. J. NOLL, of Iowa. I move you that this portion of the resolutions as read be accepted and adopted.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. I am coming up here. I am offended. So ought every member of the Grand Army to feel the same offense I do. When we think a colored man is fit to be enrolled in the order of the Grand Army of the Republic he is one of us. You insult him; you insult me. And we had ought to be men enough to take that insult to this whole body. Therefore I wish to make a motion that we cannot condemn this action more than we had ought to. Furthermore, I move that the commander in chief appoint a committee to let the management of this hotel know that he insulted this whole body when he insulted one of our members, let him be black or white.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. Second that motion.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion. Any remarks on the motion?

Comrade JOHN SHEARER, of Texas. I am a resident of Texas 44 years, and I think I know as much about the Negro as any man in this room and I tell you that you cannot amalgamate the two races. It is an utter impossibility. In our country when a darky is a good Negro he is protected, but we don't put them on an equality with us, and we cannot do it and we will not do it. You cannot do it. It is an utter impossibility. You put him on an equality and the first thing he is astraddle of your neck. I have lived in Texas 44 years and I know what I am talking about. A Negro is treated well there if he behaves himself, but he is not on an equality with the white man and you cannot do it.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. We don't want to depart from the custom that has prevailed since our organization was first created, and I therefore move that this be referred to a com-

mittee for investigation, a committee of three for investigation and report at the next encampment.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. There is a motion. You cannot put one motion ahead of the other.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. The other motion was not seconded.

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. Yes, it was.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I second the motion that was made by Comrade Stritch of New York.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Stritch expressed his opinion of the action of the hotel and made a motion that the commander in chief appoint a committee to investigate the situation. [Motion seconded.]

Comrade GAGE. No action was taken at the time of the act, therefore permissible investigation. This committee will be a committee of investigation to report to the commander in chief and then action can be taken by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion. Any further remarks upon that motion? If not, all in favor will give their consent by saying "aye."

Secretary FLOOD. That a committee be appointed to investigate.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the conduct of the hotel. That is the motion.

Comrade STRITCH. And the motion was this protest should go in the strongest form. We have on the platform men that have served in the highest position that the Grand Army of the Republic could give them. Therefore let me suggest that you accept the motion that you appoint a committee of three of the past commanders in chief to make this protest. I want it to go in the strongest way it could go, when we have distinguished members here able to represent us as past commanders in chief. Therefore I move that you appoint a committee of three of the past commanders in chief to make this investigation.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion, comrades. No further remarks? All in favor of the motion will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." I declare the motion carried.

Comrade A. O. GERE, of Kansas. I was not in when that first started. But I said "I never want to be in the Army again." I changed my mind about 3 months afterward. I love the Grand Army as well as I love my wife or anybody else. I thank you now that I am permitted to be here today.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Is there any other business before the installation? Comrades, I have a little business myself that I wanted to bring before this encampment—some resolutions that I wanted to present to our committee, but I find that I do not have them.

Comrade CALVIN H. BLANCHARD, of California and Nevada. I have a report to make. I thank you for the honor of delegating me to extend greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I could only contact one member of my committee, but we went over there to the Sons of Veterans, and we were graciously received, and we extended greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic as we were requested. Commander, it gives

me great pleasure to present you with this badge with the compliments of Dr. Ralph Barrett, retiring commander of the Sons of Veterans.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Return my thanks to the Sons of Veterans for the badge. Now, comrades, what I started out to say was that I had some resolutions that I wanted to give to the committee on resolutions, and they are locked up. My aide has them. I would like to put them before you. I can remember them near enough to tell you what it was. I headed them in this way, that we, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in session in Springfield, Ill., feel that our Senators and Congressmen have not performed their duties toward the taxpayers of this country, and that we as Grand Army men feel that we have been imposed upon for the last 6 or 7 years. We send and elect men to Congress and to the Senate, and when those men in the Congress and Senate saw the Government paying out two dollars and taking in one they should have set their foot on that and stopped it right then.

But no, they didn't do that. They let that thing run on and on and let the President spend the money that he spent and run this country into such a debt. If they had turned around and put the men out of office in Washington City and all of the States in this country that are drawing salaries that are not earning the salary they would have had money enough to balance their budget. I told them so right up there in Congress—not in Congress, in the crowd—and they didn't open their mouth.

And I say it is a shame and disgrace the condition our country is in today. Who is to blame for it? Not you nor I. You own a farm or you own a house; it is a liability today. You can't take the best farm in the State of Illinois and pay the taxes on it and keep it up, or any other State or any other organization—and I talked with men who employ from 10,000 to 15,000 men that were running and own their mills. When I was department commander I made it my business to go into these mills, and I found in those mills two-thirds of the men in the mills were not citizens of the United States. And our Congress and Senate allowed those men to come in here and take the jobs of your boys and mine and not make them become citizens of the United States.

I told them right there, I says, "If I had the authority that you have those men would not have stayed here over 24 hours if they did not swear allegiance to our Constitution and our flag." They come here to better the conditions. We got nothing but the worse element of those countries.

That is the resolution I wanted to go into Washington City by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, may I speak for a moment? The commander in chief gave me his resolutions. We may all feel the way he does, but we just voted today to ask the Senate to pass our widows' pension bill. If we criticize them they are not going to help us. The resolution was so thoroughly political I told him it should not go in, and I have it upstairs.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I didn't know you had it.

Comrade C. J. ROSE, of Florida. I don't believe there is a comrade here today but what feels the effects of the \$120 that we paid. And

what did we pay it for? Every man that had a pension, that was a pensioner, was robbed of \$120. What for? Why don't we ask that they reimburse that to us? The Government has it. Where did it go? Anybody tell us where it went to? It went to a fishing fleet, some expense on a fishing fleet. We ought to have it back. I think a resolution of that kind should have been made here and presented and sent to Congress. There were thousands who felt the effects of that steal.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, the encampment 2 years ago adopted such a resolution. We took it down to Washington the following winter and we were told that it would not be paid, there was no use to try it.

Past Commander in Chief RUSSELL C. MARTIN. Let's go ahead with the installation.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. I was the father of that and signed that resolution and presented it to Judge Willett. I was the comrade that filed that request for the return of the \$120 that they deducted, \$10 a month. No other comrade had the courage to get up and sign that resolution. I signed it. We never got a cent of it back.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. You knew you wouldn't when you signed it.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, we will now proceed to install our officers.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. A question of privilege for information, information that affects all our comrades here that are going on the trip tomorrow, before they scatter, as they will, immediately after the installation. What of tomorrow? Do we go out to New Salem? Is there any plan?

Secretary FLOOD. The automobile committee were here a few moments ago and they want to know how many of these comrades will go to Salem in the morning. They will pick you up at the hotel here at 9:30. But they must know how many so they can have the cars. Raise your hands, those who want to go to New Salem. They will be back at noon. It is only about 17 miles. [About a dozen comrades indicated they would make the trip.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, we are ready now to proceed to install the officers. Will you name your installing officer?

Commander in Chief-elect W. W. NIXON. Past Commander in Chief Mennet.

(The following officers were then duly installed by Past Commander in Chief Mennet:)

Commander in chief, W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.

Senior vice commander in chief, Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.

Junior vice commander in chief, Rustan O. Reed, Seattle, Wash.

Surgeon general, Dr. Edward H. Cowan, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Chaplain in chief, Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, Denver, Colo.

(The newly installed commander in chief then announced the appointment of Comrade Russell C. Martin, of California and Nevada, as adjutant general, and of Comrade T. J. Noll, of Iowa, as judge advocate general, and they were duly installed by Past Commander in Chief Mennet.)

Past Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrades, I present you with the officers of your choice. Assist them in the discharge of their duties. By your assistance their year of service may be greatly enhanced. Commander in Chief, I present you with the gavel. It is your emblem of authority. And I now officially and publicly induct you into your office and declare you to be fully qualified in the duties thereof.

Comrade A. O. GERE, of Kansas. I hope all the boys elected to office will serve during the year and have a happy time.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Comrades, if there is not any more business——

Secretary FLOOD. You have to fix the time of meeting of your new council, because I have to notify the national presidents.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Maybe we better make it at 4 o'clock this afternoon here. The council of administration will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon in this room.

Comrade GEORGE W. JOHNSON, of Missouri. I want to ask you a question. Are we colored soldiers members of this body? Do you recognize us as members? Now we come here to behave and pay for every place. I am able to pay. We respect you. We love this body. The black men love this body. We know that the Union Army freed us. We know that. We will never forget it. We thank you for your kindness. You left your homes. We are going to stand by you. That is all. We want to be respected when we come here. That is all we ask for. I don't care—I never sat down at a table with a white man. But if we go any place, and if I have got money to pay for my dinner I would like to get it and pay for it and go on about my business. There is no use following you all up if we cannot be respected. We may as well stay home. I want to say to you that black men, some of us, have got good homes. We worked hard.

Commander in Chief NIXON. There is a committee appointed to see about that.

Comrade JOHNSON. All right. I didn't hear it.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. Comrades, let's give our hearty congratulations to our present commander in chief, who has kept right on to the end of the road until he arrived.

Commander in Chief NIXON. We are adjourned until 4 o'clock.

Comrade GAGE. I move that the Grand Army of the Republic adjourn sine die.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Any remarks? Do you want the question? All in favor say "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it. We are adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 3:41 p. m. on Thursday, September 12, 1940, the Seventy-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic stood adjourned sine die.)

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS
AND OF COMMITTEES**



WILLIAM W. NIXON
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



WILLIAM H. MCCOY
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

JEWELL, KANS., *July 20, 1940.*

THOMAS AMBROSE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to submit to you and through you, to the seventy-fourth national encampment, my report as junior and senior vice commander in chief.

I want to express my thanks to all my comrades for the honor they conferred on me by electing me junior vice commander in chief. In the performance of my few duties during the year I have received much real pleasure and benefit to myself.

On October 6, 1939, I attended the first district convention of the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas at Marysville, Kans., and extended greetings to that order and the comrades in attendance.

I had the honor of representing our beloved commander in chief, John E. Andrew, at our department encampment at Independence, Kans., May 12 to 15 and extending his greetings to the comrades and various patriotic orders and citizens. After the election of the department officers I had the honor of installing them.

While our encampment was in session word was received of the death of Judge Advocate General James W. Willett. Resolutions of sympathy were sent to the family and a deep feeling of sorrow was felt by all those present. The Grand Army has lost a true soldier. I have attended meetings of the various patriotic organizations in this part of the state and with them assisted in decorating the graves of all veterans on Memorial Day, May 30.

On June 30 I received the message announcing the death of the commander in chief. It has been a privilege to have worked with him this year and I deeply regret his passing. Upon receiving word that Comrade A. T. Anderson had been installed as commander in chief, I was installed senior vice commander in chief by Comrade J. P. Fair of Mankato, Kans., judge advocate of the Department of Kansas on July 19 and hold myself in readiness to assist Commander Anderson in any duty he may assign to me.

In closing, allow me to express my deep appreciation for the many courtesies bestowed upon me throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

W. W. NIXON,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF SURGEON GENERAL

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., *July 22, 1940.*

THOMAS AMBROSE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have no report to make as surgeon general since there are no duties for me to perform. I have spent the last 10 winters in Dallas, Tex. A few years ago I had some special friends there, both of the Grand Army and Confederates, but the Confederates have been gone 3 or more years.

This winter Comrade Ayers, 96 years old, died. I think he was the last Grand Army man left in Dallas. The funeral was held in the church, and I phoned his daughters and offered to give as much of our ritual as possible. They were glad that I would give the service. I did as much as one man could. It gave comfort to the children and pleased the congregation. The minister thanked me, and said it was a most beautiful service.

I came home to Indiana May 23 so as to be here for Memorial Day, which I never miss. I was assigned a fine car and a Boy Scout to take care of me. I had a minister to act as chaplain. The committee had placed a loud speaker for us and the large crowd could hear all the program, and we had many compliments on our work. If the Lord spares me till next May 30, I will at least try to give the service again.

We had our department encampment at Evansville in June. There were seven veterans present of three-fourths of a hundred left in the State. The women were there in large numbers. We had a good time with their assistance. I will be 94 years old in a few months, and my hope is that I will not become helpless and a care to my friends.

Sincerely yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

E. H. COWAN, M. D., *Surgeon General.*



DR. EDWARD H. COWAN
SURGEON GENERAL



REV. JOSHUA C. PEARCE
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

DENVER, COLO., *July 12, 1940.*

THOMAS AMBROSE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Our seventy-fourth national encampment is approaching and reports are due. The services, with the sharing courtesies of our auxiliary orders of the affiliated groups of officers have been most pleasant during the year.

I have assisted in the presentation of 10 United States flags and it has been my pleasant duty to speak before district Boy Scout groups and strive to impress upon them the opportunities they have and the service to their country which they can render. Memorial Day, Memorial Sunday, and Flag Day programs were all very enthusiastic and a good attendance. I cherish cordially the kind of reception which has been extended me as a representative of the Grand Army of the Republic. The warmth in fellowship has created sweet memories that will never be forgotten by me.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOSHUA C. PEARCE, *Chaplain in Chief.*

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

CHICAGO, ILL., August 5, 1940.

A. T. ANDERSON,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I greatly appreciate the high honor which you and your immediate predecessor, the late Commander in Chief John E. Andrew, conferred in appointing me adjutant general.

Following is a summary of our losses during the calendar year 1939 as shown by reports of assistant adjutants general received at headquarters. This is followed by a detailed report showing gains and losses by departments, as nearly accurate as could be made from reports received:

	Members	Posts
In good standing, Dec. 31, 1938.....	1, 710	652
Gains by muster, transfer, and reinstatement.....	82	1
Total.....	1, 792	653
Loss by death.....	557	-----
Loss by all other causes.....	196	-----
Total loss.....	753	193
In good standing, Dec. 31, 1939.....	1, 039	460

The loss of 557 by death is not surprising when one considers the average age of our members. A loss of nearly 200 members from causes other than death could be avoided with the help of the members of our loyal Auxiliary and allied orders. Less than 20 members were lost due to the increase in per capita tax. I doubt if these comrades realize the lack of appreciation thus shown, for today they are drawing \$1,200 a year free from State and Federal taxes, through the efforts of the national encampment, and yet they decline to pay \$1 of that amount to the support of the organization which has done so much to enable them to live in comfort.

Last year 2 departments, Maryland, and Louisiana and Mississippi, were reported delinquent, but in September Maryland's report and per capita tax were received through the help of the officers of the Sons of Union Veterans in Baltimore. We have been unable to secure a reply from any comrade in the Department of Louisiana and



THOMAS AMBROSE
ADJUTANT GENERAL

Mississippi, which reported 39 members December 31, 1937, or from officers of the Woman's Relief Corps to whom we have written, so we have reluctantly dropped the department.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 1939

Departments	Dec. 31, 1938		Dec. 31, 1939		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Mem- bers	Posts	Mem- bers	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Alabama	2	4	2	2				2
Arkansas	1	2	1	2				
California and Nevada	38	196	32	137		6		59
Colorado and Wyoming	9	22	3	9		6		13
Connecticut	18	37	11	21		7		16
Delaware	4	13	4	15			4	2
Florida	5	26	4	20		1		6
Idaho	5	10	3	5		2		5
Illinois	72	165	56	89		16		76
Indiana	41	97	30	48		11		43
Iowa	16	73	10	102		6	57	28
Kansas	31	77	15	22		16		55
Kentucky	4	5	3	3		1		2
Maine	30	73	22	50		8		23
Maryland	1	9	1	3				6
Massachusetts	54	89	38	60		16	4	33
Michigan	27	53	26	42	1	2	4	15
Minnesota	22	48	19	35		3	3	16
Missouri	11	34	9	24		2	1	11
Montana	5	7	3	3		2		4
Nebraska	22	60	18	42		4		18
New Hampshire	5	6	4	6		1	1	1
New Jersey	8	33	5	17		3		19
New York	64	157	48	108		16		49
North Dakota	2	2	2	2				
Ohio	46	90	35	59		11		31
Oklahoma	2	8	1	13		1	6	1
Oregon	7	29	5	11		2		18
Pennsylvania	29	97	(1)	(1)		29		97
Potomac	.1	8	1	4				4
Rhode Island	4	7	(1)	(1)		4		7
South Dakota	4	20	2	5		2		15
Texas	1	7	1	5				2
Utah	2	4	1	1		1		3
Vermont	1	4	1	3				1
Virginia and North Carolina	1	3	1	2				1
Washington and Alaska	17	47	15	30		2		17
West Virginia	7	20	4	7		3		13
Wisconsin	33	62	24	27		9		35
Members at large		6		5			2	3
Aggregate	652	1, 710	460	1, 039	1	193	82	753
Net loss						192		671

¹ No report.

We are sorry to report 2 departments delinquent this year; Rhode Island, which reported 7 members, and Pennsylvania, which reported 97 members a year ago. All of the Rhode Island officers died this past year and we hope through our loyal coworkers in Rhode Island

to have the remaining members become comrades at large. Since the quartermaster general closed his books on August 10, we have received a check from the present department commander of Pennsylvania for \$35 per capita tax, but no report was filed, as he says the department books have not been turned over to him.

Assistant Adjutant General Reiche of the Department of Montana sent his report in February and paid per capita tax on 3 members, 2 of whom he said were ill. In April notice of the death of Comrade Reiche was received. The secretary immediately wrote the 2 surviving comrades suggesting they become members at large. One letter was returned with the notation deceased on the envelope, and in July the president of the Woman's Relief Corps notified us of the death of the other comrade. So the record of the Department of Montana is finished. And yet it is to be noted that after 75 years, of 44 Departments, 39 are still in existence, although 1 has but 1 member, 4 have but 2 members each, and 8 more have from 3 to 5 each.

We are greatly indebted to Senator Earl B. Searcy and Lt. Gov. John Stelle for assigning to us a Senate committee room in the State capitol at Springfield, our only expense being for janitor and telephone service. These headquarters have been under the immediate charge of our able and efficient national secretary, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, whose continuance as such it is my pleasure to recommend.

It was my mournful duty to assist in conducting the funeral and burial services of our comrades, Judge Advocate General James W. Willett at Tama, Iowa, and Commander in Chief John E. Andrew at Monticello, Ill. Having for years enjoyed the confidence and friendship of both comrades, I can measure the great loss that our organization has sustained in their passing by my own personal loss—a bereavement—shared by both.

Soon, all too soon, it may be said of every surviving member of the once magnificent Grand Army,

The mossy marbles rest
On the lips that he has prest
In their bloom
And the names he loved to hear
Have been carved for many a year
On the tomb.

Wishing you, my commander in chief, health, happiness, and success for the remainder of your term, I am,

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

THOMAS AMBROSE,
Adjutant General.

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

THOMAS AMBROSE,

LOUISVILLE, KY., *July 31, 1940.*

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: At the seventy-third national encampment held last August in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., our then quartermaster general, the late John E. Andrew, was elected commander in chief.

Shortly after taking that office he appointed me quartermaster-general, which greatly surprised and pleased me. Since then I have promptly signed each voucher presented to me by you and our late commander in chief and will here say that each and every voucher was regular and in detail.

The financial part of my report as prepared by my secretary, Miss Clara F. Hoover, is hereto attached. I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance given by Miss Hoover in the work of the office.

Best of wishes to the incoming administration.

Respectfully in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

M. H. DAVIDSON,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books Aug. 10 to 31, 1939

Cash balance in all funds as reported to seventy-third national encampment-----	\$3, 067. 73
General fund-----	\$390. 21
Southern memorial fund-----	2, 677. 52
Subsequent receipts:	
Woman's Relief Corps-----	1, 000. 00
Ladies of the G. A. R.-----	1, 000. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans-----	1, 000. 00
Sons of Union Veterans-----	250. 00
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans-----	500. 00
Permanent Fund-----	225. 00
	<u>3, 975. 00</u>
Total-----	<u>7, 042. 73</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel-----	\$92. 91
Expenses-----	492. 09
Supplies (badges)-----	6. 25
	<u>591. 25</u>
Balance-----	<u>6, 451. 48</u>

To be credited as follows:

General fund-----	3, 773. 96
Southern memorial fund-----	2, 677. 52
Total-----	<u>6, 451. 48</u>

Statement of disbursements, Aug. 10 to 31, 1939

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Expenses
Aug. 31	59	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Inc., badges	\$6. 28		
	60	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Travel expense Ripley to Pittsburgh and return			
		Paid Mr. Leedberg for lumber, wire, labor, making packing boxes, \$10.50; assistance during national encampment, \$20; hotel help for tips (porters, bell boys, houseman for encampment room), \$19.50; Underwood Typewriter Co., Jamestown, for shipping office typewriter to Springfield, \$6.69; postage, \$2.30; telegrams, \$2.27—\$4.57; Ripley Telephone Co., \$4.20; trucker in Ripley, \$3; receipt book and bags for credentials committee, \$2.10; flowers with greetings to Past Commander in Chief Ruhe, \$3; Wm. Penn Hotel for expressage, \$14.41; long distance phone, \$1.90; postage on badges and programs, \$2.90; public stenographer, \$3; sundry office items, \$4.20		\$21. 90	
	61	Bishard Bros.: 300 copies roll seventy-third encampment, \$130; 300 copies address and reports, \$105; tax, \$4.70			\$99. 97
	62	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Transportation and meals, Ripley, N. Y., to Springfield, Ill.			239. 70
		Closing headquarters at Ripley, \$30; tips, taxis at Ripley, Westfield, Pittsburgh, and Chicago, \$7.75; final phone bill Ripley, \$7.20; telegrams sent from Ripley, \$4.52		41. 81	
	63	C. L. Leedberg, Ripley, N. Y.: Lumber for crating furniture, \$8.80, labor, \$5			49. 47
					13. 80

Statement of disbursements, Aug. 10 to 31, 1939—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Expenses
Aug. 31	64	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Moving office from Ripley to Springfield, freight on furniture, \$35.82, truckers, \$7; janitor for cleaning room, \$3; opening boxes, uncrating, \$4; taxis, \$4.15 and baggage, \$2—\$6.15			\$55. 97
		Paid John E. Andrew as quartermaster general: Expenses from Quincy to Pittsburgh and return		\$29. 20	
		Paid Clara Hoover: Expenses on books of quartermaster general from Pittsburgh and telegrams			3. 32
		Expenses, Springfield, getting settled			29. 86
		Total	\$6. 25	92. 91	492. 09

ACCOUNT CURRENT

DEBIT

Cash received for term ending Aug. 31, 1939:

Balances in all funds as shown in the supplemental report dated Aug. 31, 1939:

General fund	\$3, 773. 96
Southern memorial fund	2, 677. 52

\$6, 451. 48

Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies	\$42. 13
Per capita tax	1, 041. 00
Permanent fund	600. 00

1, 683. 138, 134. 61

CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending Aug. 10, 1940:

Supplies	\$122. 39
Travel	1, 091. 34
Salaries	2, 060. 00
Expenses	1, 238. 44
Southern memorial fund	1, 000. 00

5, 512. 17

Total in all funds Aug. 10, 1940

2, 622. 44

To be credited as follows:

General fund	944. 92
Southern memorial fund	1, 677. 52

2, 622. 44

Statement of total number of posts and membership, sale of supplies, per capita tax, Southern Memorial Fund, etc., for term ending Aug. 10, 1940

Department	Members	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern memorial fund
Alabama	2		\$2		
Arkansas	2		2		
California and Nevada	138	\$4. 75	138		
Colorado and Wyoming	9		9		
Connecticut	21		21		
Delaware	15	4. 70	15		
Florida	20		20		
Idaho	5		5		
Illinois	89	5. 05	89		
Indiana	48		48		
Iowa	102	2. 00	102		
Kansas	22		22		
Kentucky	3	. 90	5		
Maine	50	. 50	50		
Maryland	3		3		
Massachusetts	60		60		
Michigan	42	1. 30	42		
Minnesota	35	1. 78	35		
Missouri	24	1. 55	24		
Montana	3		3		
Nebraska	42		42		
New Hampshire	6		6		
New Jersey	17		17		
New York	108		108		
North Dakota	2		2		
Ohio	59		59		
Oklahoma	13	. 60	13		
Oregon	11		11		
Pennsylvania					
Potomac	4		4		
Rhode Island					
South Dakota	4		4		
Texas	5		5		
Utah	1		1		
Vermont	3		3		
Virginia and North Carolina	2		2		
Washington and Alaska	30		30		
West Virginia	7		7		
Wisconsin	27		27		
Aides-de-camp		19. 00			
Permanent fund			5	\$600	
Comrades-at-large (5)			5		
Total	1, 039	42. 13	1, 041	600	

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1940, by M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	General fund	Southern memorial fund
1939 Sept. 25 Oct. 16	1	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for September			\$150.00			
	2	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service connection, \$3.50; service, September, \$0.67; service, October, \$6.75				\$10.92		
	3	Williamson Printing & Publishing Co.: 500 each No. 6¾, No. 10, No. 12, return-address envelopes, \$7.50; 500 6½ x 9½ return address, \$4.90; 500 General Orders No. 1, \$4.75; 1,000 mailing stickers, \$3.90				21.05		
	4	John E. Andrew, commander in chief: Advance traveling expense		\$200.00				
	5	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for October			150.00			
Nov. 7	6	Office expenses: Packing and shipping typewriter, Pittsburgh to Springfield, \$5.84; janitor for cleaning, October, \$4; paid Commander in Chief Andrew for—Telephones and telegrams, \$2.03; postage to date, \$5.10; telegrams and long-distance phones, \$3.06; advance postage, \$10				30.03		
		Exchange deducted by First National Bank, Chicago				.53		
		Jeffersons, Stationers, Inc.: Office supplies: 1 79 F Bond, \$2.50; 1 No. 13-4 E. mut. onion skin, \$2.05; 1 No. 181 white manifold, \$0.90; 1 H-21 carbon, \$3.50; O. t., \$0.58; twine, \$0.45; air mail labels, \$0.20—\$1.15; 1 dozen sheets brown paper, \$0.48				24.97		
		Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Inc.: 100 aide-de-camp badges	\$55.00					
		Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service for November				6.75		
14	8	Williamson Printing & Publishing Co.: Imprinting 500 letterheads, \$5; imprinting 750 letterheads, \$7.25; 200 requisitions, \$7.30; 1,000 Form C, \$7.50; 2,000 A & B, \$26.50; 3,000 Form F. P. I. and P. C. \$27				80.55		
	9							

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1940, by M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	General fund	Southern memorial fund
1939 Nov. 20	10	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for November-----			\$150. 00			
		Office expenses: Postage, \$13.25; telegrams, \$3.75; janitor, \$4-----				\$21. 00		
Dec. 2	11	Stewart & Steen Co.: 5,000 letterheads, G. A. R., \$47.50; parcel post, 2,000 Springfield \$1.28; parcel post 3,000 Chicago, \$1.86-----					\$50. 64	
	12	Janssen Seed & Floral Co.: Floral wreath Past Com- mander in Chief Jewel, \$10; tax \$0.30; telegram, \$0.70—\$1-----				11. 00		
	13	Gordon L. Elliott: Reporting seventy-third National Encampment, making transcript, \$200; expenses, railroad fare, Pullman, \$52.25; meals on train, \$3.35; tips, \$2.35; postage, etc., on transcript, \$1.50-----				259. 45		
	14	M. H. Davidson, quartermaster: General salary for October, November, December-----			25. 00			
		Office expenses, Memorial Hall, Chicago, \$21.02; postage, \$2-----				23. 02		
	15	Thomas Ambrose, adjutant general: Salary for October, November, December-----			25. 00			
6	16	Williamson Printing & Publishing Co.: 2,500 General Orders No. 2, \$44.50; postage and mailing, \$6.43; signature cut adjutant general, \$3.10; signature for stamp adjutant general, \$1; 100 each, 7 imprints on letterheads, \$10.50; 2,000 countersigns, \$7-----				72. 53		
	17	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Editing journal, national encampment-----				100. 00		
7	18	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service November, \$6.75; telegram to Chicago, \$0.55-----				7. 30		
	19	John E. Andrew, commander in chief, advance traveling-----		\$200. 00				

15	20	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for December Office expenses: Janitor, \$4; postage, \$12.10; telegrams, \$1.37; office expenses for commander in chief, postage and telegrams, \$3 First National Bank, Chicago: Expenses on transfer check from Quincy to Chicago, Jan. 16, \$0.47; Jan. 19, \$0.32	150.00	20.47	
16	21	Williamson Printing & Publishing Co.: 500 aide-de-camp notifications, \$4.75; 500 letterheads imprinted, \$3.40; 500 No. 10 envelopes, \$3.25 Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service for January, \$6.75; telegrams, \$1.12		.79	
Jan. 8	22	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advance traveling expenses to Washington for legislative work		11.40	
	23			7.87	
	24	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for January Office expenses: Postage, \$8.50; janitor, \$3; commander in chief's postage, telegrams, and telephones, \$5; telegrams paid by K. R. A. F., \$1.12. Exchange on deposit deducted by bank Exchange on deposit Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service for February, \$6.75; telegrams, \$10.44; tolls, \$0.54; \$10.98 Thomas Ambrose, adjutant general: Expenses in connection with preliminary meeting in Springfield, Jan. 24, 1940, railroad fare and chair, \$9.50; taxis, Chicago, \$2.70; Springfield, \$0.75; tips, \$1.75—\$2.50; meals on train, \$1.75	175.00		
26	25	M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general: Expenses to preliminary meeting in Springfield, railroad fare Louisville to Springfield, \$18.72; Springfield to Chicago, \$1.85; chair, \$0.80—\$2.65 Taxi service Louisville, Springfield, and Chicago, \$1.95; hotel, Chicago, \$6	150.00	17.62 1.47 .45 17.73	
Feb. 23	26				
	27		16.45		
			21.37		
			7.95		

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1940, by M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	General fund	Southern memorial fund
1939 Feb. 23	28	Katharine R. A. Flood, National Secretary: Salary for February			\$150.00			
		Office expenses: Postage, \$7.50; janitor, \$3; telegrams, \$2.73; express, \$1.14				\$14.37		
Mar. 8	29	Rose Marie Korvachevick: Stenographic services at headquarters Feb. 26 to Mar. 2 and Mar. 4 to Mar. 8				30.00		
14	30	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service for March, \$6.75; tolls, \$0.40				7.15		
	31	Janssen Seed & Floral Co.: Wreath for Flo J. Miller, tax and delivery				5.80		
16	32	P. R. Quinlan, Inc.: Wreath, Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. Stacey				10.00		
20	33	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for March			150.00			
		Office expenses: Janitor, \$3; postage, \$5.50; supplies, \$1.90				10.40		
20		Exchange deducted by First National Bank				.45		
28	34	Thomas Ambrose, adjutant general: Salary, January, February, March			25.00			
	35	M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general: Salary, January, February, March			25.00			
		Office expenses				2.00		
Apr. 10	36	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service for March, \$6.75; telegrams and tax, \$3.86				10.61		
10	37	John E. Andrew, commander-in-chief, advance traveling expense		\$200.00				
20	38	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for April			150.00			
		Office expenses: Janitor, \$3; supplies, \$0.75; postage, \$7.50				11.25		

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Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1940, by M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	General fund	Southern memorial fund
1939 July 10	53	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Expenses in connection with sickness and death Commander in Chief Andrews: June 28, round trip to Quincy, \$5; meals, \$2.25; July 1, round trip to Monticello, \$3.35; hotel and meals, \$3.45; black ribbon for flags, \$1.03; taxi with flags, \$0.70; 20 Journals, July 1, 20 Journals July 3 for national officers and past Commander in Chief, \$1.20----- Advance transportation and expenses to Wash- ington, Pa., for conference with Commander in Chief Anderson-----				\$16. 98		
19	54	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for July----- Office expenses; Janitor, \$3; postage, \$11.27; sup- plies, \$1.30; paid June 21 to Commander in Chief Andrew for postage and wires, \$5----- Williamson Printing & Publishing Co.: 2,500 General Orders, No. 4, \$44.50; postage on Nos. 4 and 5, \$5.53; mailing, \$1; 2,500 General Orders, No. 5, \$9.50; imprinting letterheads for commander in chief, \$3; 500 envelopes, 6¾ x 9½, \$4.75----- Janssen Seed & Floral Co.: Wreath for Commander in Chief Andrew, \$20; tax, \$0.60----- Virginia Moxley, services as stenographer July 12- Aug. 9-----		\$75. 00	\$150. 00			
Aug. 2	55	Thomas Ambrose, adjutant general: Salary for balance of term-----				20. 57		
5	56	M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general: Salary for balance of term-----				68. 28		
	57					20. 60		
	58				60. 00			
	59				25. 00			
					25. 00			

60	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for August-----				150.00		
	Office expenses: Janitor, \$3; postage, \$10.97; sup- plies and mailing tubes, \$4.08; gold seals (at Coe's), \$0.50; wrapping paper, twine, notebooks, clasp envelopes, \$0.92; telephones (long distance) and telegrams sent from hotel, \$5.24-----					24.74	
61	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service, \$6.75; tolls and telegrams, \$34.90 (telegrams regarding illness, death, and funeral Commander in Chief Andrew)-----					41.74	
	Total-----	\$128.64	1, 184.25	2, 060.00	1, 730.47		\$1,000.00

Inventory of supplies in quartermaster general's office, Aug. 10, 1940

Supplies	On hand August 1939	Purchased as per contract	Issued	On hand August 1940
Rules and regulations, 1922, with amendments-----	489	-----	20	469
Rules and regulations, 1917, no amendments-----	7	-----	-----	-----
Rules and regulations, 1922, damaged, no amendments-----	30	-----	-----	-----
Rituals-----	35	-----	-----	35
Officers' cards:				
Senior vice commander-----	91	-----	-----	91
Junior vice commander-----	47	-----	-----	47
Chaplain-----	78	-----	-----	78
Ode cards-----	139	-----	-----	139
Service books: Flexible cover, 140; stiff cover, 14-----	154	-----	-----	154
Applications for membership-----	418	-----	-----	418
Leave of absence cards-----	323	-----	-----	323
Transfers: Certificates, 518; cards, 884-----	1, 402	-----	-----	1, 402
Discharges-----	650	-----	-----	650
Charters: Department, 114; post, 133-----	247	-----	-----	247
Descriptive books-----	37	-----	-----	37
Blue Books: 1899-1901; 1895-1902; 1902-6-----	9	-----	-----	9
Comrade at large certificates-----	568	-----	-----	568
Electrotypes-----	12	-----	-----	12
Buttons-----	754	-----	29	725
Badges-----	376	25	26	375
Rank straps-----	576	12	4	584
Ribbons-----	¹ 25	-----	-----	25
Form C (assistant adjutant general report)-----	-----	1, 000	-----	-----
Form I (requisition for supplies)-----	25	200	72	153
Report of department chaplain-----	302	-----	70	232
Report, department patriotic instructor-----	142	-----	70	72
Report, post patriotic instructor-----	826	1, 500	804	1, 522
Secret work codes-----	100	-----	-----	100
Amendments to rules and regulations-----	427	-----	20	407
Stationery, 5 packages-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

¹ Pieces.*Free blanks issued*

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)-----	1, 238
Form I (requisition for supplies)-----	99
Report of post chaplain-----	798
Report of department chaplain-----	70
Report of post patriotic instructor-----	804
Report of department patriotic instructor-----	70

One piece (12 yards) cherry edged ribbon shipped to Jos. K. Davison Sons', Inc., to be credited to our account.

REPORT OF THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH, CUSTODIAN FOR THE PERMANENT FUND OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

*Period Aug. 10, 1939, to Aug. 10, 1940, as submitted by Robert M. Rownd,
treasurer*

Date	Principal	Disbursements	Receipts	Balance
Aug. 10, 1939	\$6,000 P. V. city of New York 4½-percent corporate bonds		\$6,000. 00	
Do	Cash on hand		238. 49	
Aug. 29, 1939	Cost of notary certificate	\$0. 50		
Sept. 7, 1939	Check drawn to quartermaster general	225. 00		
Sept. 14, 1939	Cost of exchanging bonds to \$1,000 P. V.	1. 50		
Nov. 9, 1939	Service charge for exchanging bonds	1. 50		
Nov. 13, 1939	Gain on sale of \$2,000 P. V. bonds		307. 09	
Nov. 25, 1939	Check drawn, bond of treas- urer	12. 50		
Dec. 5, 1939	Cost of 2 notary certificates	1. 00		
July 20, 1940	Deposit in the account from Pittsburgh Encampment Committee gift		157. 78	
Aug. 9, 1940	Check drawn	467. 90		
	Total	709. 90	6, 703. 36	\$5, 993. 46
	INCOME			
Nov. 1, 1939	Interest on bonds		135. 00	
Nov. 13, 1939	do		3. 00	
May 3, 1940	do		90. 00	
Aug. 9, 1940	Check drawn	132. 10		
	Compensation of custodian	6. 90		
	Total	139. 00	228. 00	89. 00
	Grand total			6, 082. 46

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depositary for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the above annual statement to August 10, 1940, is correct and that the balance shown consists of \$4,000 par value in securities and \$2,082.46 in cash, of which \$2,000 is principal and \$82.46 is interest.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,
A. O. ELIAS, *Assistant Treasurer.*

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

DES MOINES, IOWA, *July 19, 1940.*

THOMAS AMBROSE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Having been appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death May 13, of Comrade James W. Willett, judge advocate general, of Tama, Iowa, and having been duly installed June 12, in Des Moines, Iowa, by Commander in Chief John E. Andrew, and reappointed by Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson by General Orders, No. 5, of July 9, 1940, I esteem it a great honor to be thus appointed and hereby extend my heartfelt thanks to be so honored.

I have not been asked by said commanders in chief to give an opinion or render a decision in any matter, thus there is no further report to make.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

THOMAS J. NOLL,
Judge Advocate General.



THOMAS J. NOLL
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL



O. S. PIERCE
INSPECTOR GENERAL

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., *July 22, 1940.*

Comrade THOMAS AMBROSE,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE AMBROSE: The Grand Army of the Republic in the years of its large membership carried out the annual inspection with as much precision as in the old Army days. Today with its fast waning numbers its members are content to hold meetings when considered necessary for the transaction of business, and so there are no reports made to the inspector general, this office being merely honorary.

I am very happy to report that George N. Morgan Post, No. 4, of Minneapolis, with its membership now reduced to five in number is the only G. A. R. post in Minnesota that holds regular meetings twice each month, with an average attendance of three members. We transact our own business affairs, and our officers are the comrades with the exception of an assistant for the adjutant and quartermaster. We have the honor of having the youngest and the oldest Civil War veterans in the State as members of this post, viz, Comrade Higgins is the youngest, being 91 years old, and Comrade Mack being 103 this last July 4 and the oldest comrade. I am very proud, indeed, to tell you that I am the post commander of George N. Morgan Post, No. 4.

Through my national office I have attended many patriotic meetings, both public and private, of the different patriotic orders. I am indeed very grateful to our late beloved Commander in Chief John E. Andrew for appointing me a member of his staff, an honor I have deeply appreciated, and extend my thanks to you for the many courtesies received.

With every comrade in our grand old order I join in deepest sorrow in the passing of our beloved Commander in Chief John E. Andrew, and extend with them, our sincere sympathy to his dear wife and family, and to our national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic in this great loss.

Though one may pass from earthly view
To a fuller, brighter fold,
The life we have known and the love so true
In our hearts we shall ever hold.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ORRIN S. PIERCE, *Inspector General.*

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

KOKOMO, IND., *July 17, 1940.*

THOMAS AMBROSE,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: In presenting my report for the past year I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by our dear commander in chief, John E. Andrew, by appointing me to the office of national patriotic instructor. I assure him that I have performed my duties to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Like my predecessor, of recent years I have found it difficult to secure reports because so few patriotic instructors continue to render post reports, as in the past, now that age and physical disabilities have robbed them of activities once enjoyed. Only a few of our patriotic instructors have made reports to this office. This, however, must not be taken as a lack of interest in the cause which they represent, but it is due to advanced years.

A few more years and others will have to write the final records of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have the assurance of the loyal support of our auxiliary and all our allied orders, and the younger soldiers of our Nation, to "carry on" in our absence. We are pleased to note that our churches, our schools, and our colleges are using thousands of flags each year to inspire our youth with loyalty to our country and flag.

In closing we would not forget our heroic dead who surrendered their lives on battlefields and in prisons in defense of their country. The world may forget their names, but they cannot forget their deeds of valor, for they are made manifest in history and are engraved on stone and granite. All honor is due the aged veterans and their allies now living, who have freely given of their strength, their time, and money to keep alive the heritage our fathers have bequeathed us—that of freedom, liberty, and justice. May the Lord God of hosts be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN H. STONE,
National Patriotic Instructor.



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NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



J. S. DUMSER
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

OAKLAND, CALIF., *July 20, 1949.*

Comrade THOMAS AMBROSE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Our recently deceased and beloved Commander in Chief John E. Andrew honored me with the unexpected appointment of assistant adjutant general on his staff for which my hearty thanks were expressed to him. I have not been assigned any definite duties by you, but have responded to the many invitations to participate in our department, in the various patriotic and social events of our entire Grand Army family and the other veteran groups and auxiliaries, very especially as chairman for the fourteenth consecutive time of our general Memorial Day committee, embracing the entire veteran group of all wars. On our recent Memorial Day we presented 11 separate programs and decorated 4,000 graves of deceased comrades in and near our east Bay City of Oakland. This and other contacts have resulted in good understanding and cooperation between all our people in these troubled times when a united front is needed most.

We were very happy in our recent department encampment in Long Beach to be honored by the presence of our beloved Commander in Chief John E. Andrew. He expressed himself many times—"that he was having the time of his life here in California." On all sides keen regret was voiced on account of the absence of our dear national secretary, Katharine R. A. Flood, whose daughterly care our commander needed far more than he realized. We lament his passing—and that of many other dear comrades during the year.

With happy anticipation of meeting you and many others in our coming encampment in Springfield, Ill., I remain,

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF

SKOWHEGAN, MAINE, *August 6, 1941.*

THOMAS AMBROSE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I regret that I am unable to submit a more formal report, but, as you know, the duties of the chief of staff are for the most part confined to action at the national encampment, and at that time I will carry out your instructions and obey all orders.

I value and appreciate the appointment as national chief of staff and thank you, Commander in Chief Anderson, for reappointing me to the position given me by Commander in Chief Andrew.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN W. FOGLER,
National Chief of Staff.



JOHN W. FOLGER
CHIEF OF STAFF



W. P. BRYANT
SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

MILWAUKEE, WIS., *July 18, 1940.*

Comrade THOMAS AMBROSE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE AMBROSE: I have the honor to submit the following report:

It was my good fortune to be appointed by Commander in chief John E. Andrew as his senior aide-de-camp. I have not been called upon for any special work, but knew that our commander in chief was very able and busy with his duties. Yet, I have been ever ready to perform any duties that might devolve upon me.

I installed the newly elected officers of the Department of Wisconsin and shall continue to serve the Grand Army of the Republic another year, God willing.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

W. P. BRYANT,
Senior Aide-de-Camp.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1940, IN ROOM 1010,
HOTEL ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The executive committee of the national council of administration met, pursuant to call, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on Monday, September 9, 1940, in room 1010 of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln.

Present: Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson; Comrade Russell C. Martin, of California and Nevada; and Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

The meeting was called to order by the Commander in Chief, and Comrade Martin presented the following report of the auditing committee:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., *Sept. 7, 1940.*

We have carefully checked the receipts, the vouchers for expenses, have compared the footings with the footings of the printed report of the quartermaster general and find them correct.

The committee wishes to express their appreciation for the splendid work of the quartermaster general, M. H. Davidson, and express sorrow that his death should occur just at the beginning of this encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, *Chairman,*
W. W. NIXON,
JOHN W. FOGLER.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Andrew drew the final \$200 of his travel appropriation on Friday before he died. He deposited it on Tuesday, and he died on Thursday. He had not expended it. There was no money left in the travel appropriation for Commander in Chief Anderson. Mrs. Andrew asked me before Comrade Andrew died if the money should not be returned. I am told that Mrs. Andrew, under the will, will not get this money, but only a quarter of the estate, which is very small. Discussion on this matter followed. Miss Flood explained that although Comrade and Mrs. Andrew were married nearly 35 years, she would not receive a pension as they were not married until after June 27, 1905.

Comrade MARTIN. I move that we recommend to the Council of Administration that \$200 be appropriated from the general fund for the expenses of Commander in Chief Anderson for his term of service as commander in chief.

Comrade NIXON. Second the motion.

(The motion prevailed and at 1:50 o'clock p. m., after an informal discussion of several matters, the meeting adjourned.)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9,
1940, IN PARLOR J OF THE HOTEL ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.**

The national council of administration convened at 2:20 p. m., Monday, September 9, 1940, in parlor J of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill., Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson presiding.

Following is a list of the members of the council who responded to roll call or came in during the meeting (21) :

Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief W. W. Nixon.

Surgeon General Dr. Edward H. Cowan.

Chaplain in Chief Rev. Joshua C. Pearce.

Judge Advocate General T. J. Noll.

Inspector General O. S. Pierce.

National Patriotic Instructor Dr. John H. Stone.

Comrade Russell C. Martin, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Lewis H. Easterly, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade Albert G. Jones, of Idaho.

Comrade A. O. Gere, of Kansas.

Comrade R. R. Graham, of Kentucky.

Comrade John W. Fogler, of Maine.

Comrade George W. Green, of Massachusetts.

Comrade William H. McCoy, of New Jersey.

Comrade Thomas H. Stritch, of New York.

Comrade D. G. Duell, of North Dakota.

Comrade G. I. Gordon, of Oklahoma.

Comrade A. W. Gabrio, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade John Shearer, of Texas.

Comrade Ira Stormes, of Utah.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. The next order of business is to elect a junior vice.

Secretary FLOOD. There is a vacancy in the office of junior vice commander in chief, and that will be filled by the council now.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Nominations are in order.

Comrade MARTIN. For this vacancy I move that we elect Comrade William H. McCoy of New Jersey, by acclamation.

Comrade NIXON. I will second the motion.

(The motion prevailed.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I declare Comrade McCoy elected junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade McCoy. Thank you, I will do the best I can.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Report of the auditing committee.

The shorthand reporter then read the report of the auditing committee as made to the executive committee, which report will be found in the proceedings of the executive committee at page 147 of this journal. Upon motion of Comrade Stritch of New York the report was ordered accepted.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I will ask the Secretary to explain the situation with regard to the balance of the traveling allowance paid to Commander in Chief Andrew the week he died.

Secretary FLOOD explained the situation; was asked by several if the money could be recovered and if a lawyer had been consulted.

Comrade STRITCH. Understanding that the money belongs to us, the Grand Army, I move, that we take whatever procedure is lawful to recover that money.

Comrade SHEARER. If you take legal steps you will spend it all and probably more before you get through.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. All those in favor of this motion will give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no."

Secretary FLOOD. The shorthand reporter has a notation from the executive committee meeting as to their recommendation in regard to travel money for Comrade Anderson. There was no money left in the traveling allowance of the commander in chief for Comrade Anderson to pay any of his expenses since he took office July 1, and the executive committee recommended that \$200 be given Comrade Anderson to cover his expenses.

Comrade NIXON. I will make a motion that we give Commander in Chief Anderson \$200 for the expenses of his term of office. [Motion seconded by Comrade Duell.] Are there any remarks?

Comrade STRITCH. A matter of information. Have we got \$200?

Secretary FLOOD. We have.

Comrade STRITCH. Therefore it is an honorable claim; it is a just claim. New York is in favor of it.

Comrade NIXON. All in favor of the motion please say "aye." Any against it, "no." Carried.

Secretary FLOOD. I have brought a matter before the executive committee that needs the approval of this committee. We have been sending out a great many notices of appointment as aides-de-camp. That costs printing and postage and so on. This year out of 250 or 300 we received 24 or 25 replies. We are now out of commissions. It will mean seventy-five or a hundred dollars to buy more. And I suggested to the executive committee that the system of appointing aides-de-camp be abolished. There is nothing in the Rules and Regulations really authorizing it, although the badge is authorized in the chapter under "Badges." It has been one of the unwritten things, and the comrades esteem it an honor, but when only 24 reply out of 300 I don't think we should spend the money to get more commissions and to have notices of appointment made and have badges made when we cannot sell them. That is one way of saving money.

Comrade MARTIN. Commander in Chief, I have had that idea in my head for a long time. I have a great big cupboard full of these certificates, and I don't know just when I looked at them. But I am pretty proud of them. But as we have got a bit older and don't expect to

stay here as long as we did—we had ideas in the earlier days—I think we should abolish them and save this money. I make that motion. [Seconded by Comrade Nixon.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. You have heard the motion. Any remarks?

Comrade STRITCH. Yes; there is. I believe, comrades, in experience. With all due respect to all my comrades, I pay respect to one, and I must say it and say it truthfully—we have never had a better accountant or anybody, man or woman, that is gifted with the knowledge that our present secretary has. I would sign a bond any time to Katharine Flood, because I know her. [Applause.] So would you. You know her. That is seconded by New York.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Any other remarks? If not, all in favor of the motion give their consent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The motion is carried.

We have some visitors. Dr. Barrett wants to go.

Dr. RALPH R. BARRETT, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, I represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the council of administration at this time. I am sorry to go. I am interested in what you said and the actions you have taken. But I am due at 3 o'clock at the Centennial Building where we are presenting a plaque, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," to the State of Illinois. The band will be there, and the program is set for 3 o'clock, and I beg, sir, that I may be excused to keep the appointment, as I have to do with the presenting of the plaque, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," to the State of Illinois.

Mrs. EVA B. BLACKMAN, national president Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I, too, am very happy to be here, and may we again pledge to you the assistance of the Auxiliary to your Sons. If in the future, you want any more assistance than you have received from us in the past, we are yours to command. And I thank Sister Carroll for giving way to me. May I, too, be excused?

Mrs. ELFIE F. CARROLL, president National Woman's Relief Corps. Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, national heads, and I am leaving the best, you see, to the last, including our commander in chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish it were possible for you to hear not only every word that I am going to try to say, but every word of every speaker in this room, and during your other deliberations, and especially your convention. I know as I sit beside my comrade friend, Judge Duell of North Dakota, that he is eager to hear the business of this organization, the business of this council meeting, as others, and I know, too, from the expressions on your faces and from the effort that you have made to hear that you, too, are eager to hear every question which is brought before this group; and I know that there is no one here but would like to speak so that you could.

I want to pledge in the name of the National Woman's Relief Corps, your Auxiliary, continued support and interest and good will and effort right straight through to the very last days of your organization, individually from us to you and as an organization from ourselves to you, you who did us the honor so many years ago of making us your auxiliary.

And I want to tell you also, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, that during the course of this year there has been outstanding, I think, harmony between the heads of every one of the allied organizations, and I treasure the friendship of the national heads of the several organizations.

I want to pay tribute to the national secretary, Katharine Flood, who made the good will tour so pleasant to us all. It was my first experience, and I shall treasure that so much as I retire from the office of national president.

I think, too, of the close and very high regard and love which I had for the commander in chief of us all at that time, and I pledge to our Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson during these days my best, my kindest personal regards and the very best from our organization. The Woman's Relief Corps will stand back of you to the last. I know you have come to our convention platforms many times asking that we never give up, even with your depleted, vanishing numbers; and I assure you that we never will.

On the other hand, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we in turn trust and want to know that you will keep your organization as an organization until the very last member goes. You cannot imagine what an inspiration and benefit you are to not only the members of patriotic organizations, but to every citizen in the United States, the honor and respect, to hold the ideals for which you have fought and stood as an example, and certainly we need that today more than we have at any other time.

And so again I wish you well. I pledge you the best that we have now and always, and trust that these next few days may not be too hard on you and that you may enjoy every moment of the time and that at the close of it you will have only happy memories of this conference together. I thank you and again I thank all for the closer companionship which this year held and has meant to me. Good will and the best to you, Commander in Chief, during these busy days.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. We would like to hear from the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. FRANCES M. HASKELL, national president. Commander in Chief and Katharine Flood, comrades all, I bring greetings to you today from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic national organization; and we are trying to carry out your precepts, your principles, what you ask us to do and the laws you lay down and pledge them with your lives, your strength, giving your all for them. We feel that your mantle has fallen upon every patriotic organization in the United States to carry forward your principles and what you fought for. And we stand ready to do it and are doing it in every way all through the United States, in the schools, churches, and everywhere we are privileged to speak and do, presenting your flag that you fought and died for, presenting your principles again, as I said, and the children now of all times are grasping those things. There is a sentiment among everybody, the shopping people, the people in shops and all, that there never was before—an interest that never was before.

They are coming to realize what you boys have done, because when they know what is going on over the sea, and in our unceasing way in our units we are trying to teach them to know, just as near and

as fast as we can. Out of this we don't want contamination of that kind in our United States.

And, comrades, listen! I want you to appreciate—I wonder if you do—appreciate Katharine Flood, that sweet thing that is giving her life inch by inch for you boys, and has stood the brunt of one convention after another convention—your encampment—trying to steer you boys in the right way, trying to help the commander in chief along. Why, Commander Andrew—I was here in June—Commander Andrew could not make a move without Katharine. The boys are all tired. They are getting old and they want somebody that knows. Reporters came into the office and asked a question. Right at her fingertips was everything, not only your history, boys, but the history of the whole United States she had at her fingertips. There is not another woman in the United States that has got half, comrades, of what she has in that little noodle of hers, and I want you to appreciate her. I never appreciated a woman in my life as I appreciate Katharine Flood. [Applause.]

This year we know her better, contacted her more, seeing her love for you boys in just the position that she holds, the love she has in her heart for you, appreciating your commanders as they come along, upholding their hands, helping them in every way she can.

I am going to say a few verses to you now—original, of course—original, if I would say it, because I don't speak a lot of other stuff that people have hashed over so much that there is nothing left now. But, comrades,

You have given us something that will outlast time,
Remain as fixed as the polar star above,
Something to live and thrive in every clime—
Our Flag we love.

You have given us that which is more true than steel,
Something of which this is a kindred part,
Our liberty, our Union, and our homes, and we love you,
For of you we are a part.

You have made a lifetime sacrifice for us all,
Old Glory that we love, so dearly prize,
That it may wave from every spire and dome,
With naught above it but the cross of Christ.

(Applause.)

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. We would like to hear from Mrs. Droz, president of the Daughters.

Mrs. Droz. Commander in Chief, my granddaddies and comrades, and the visiting friends, from the various allied orders, I assure you it is a pleasure for me to bring the greetings of my organization, of the organization that I represent. We started off this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and of course being interested in the various phases of our work, the time has slipped by, and I was late getting over here. Nevertheless, I am happy to get in here in time to bring you the greetings from probably between four and five hundred Daughters assembled in the hall this afternoon.

I want to say that the last year has been an outstanding year in my life as well as in the life of my coworkers, your national heads. We have had a wonderful year, but we have always had in our hearts the

interest of the Grand Army, and that had to come first regardless of what our wishes were in each individual organization.

So today we are happy to see this group of comrades.

I don't believe that Comrade Martin will be homesick here, because I think they held a national convention of comrades in California in May. I believe they really had more than you have here, Sister Flood. And they do have a wonderful time.

I want to say this. I am a granddaughter—this is just a little private history that I just want to tell you how I feel today. I am a granddaughter of two of your comrades. You have heard me say that before. Your stories, your history, and the Grand Army of the Republic have been the thing that I have been raised up on in my patriotic life. I am interested, I have always been. And now at this time in the history of our country more than any other time it behooves those who have pledged their support to the Grand Army of the Republic to do all in their power with their teachings, that the work you have done, the sacrifices you have made, should be appreciated.

You will remember with me that when our Lord was taken before Pontius Pilate he could find no fault in him and he sent him to Herod. But Pontius Pilate washed his hands and said, "I am through." It was just an act. He could not wash his conscience. He simply sent him to King Herod, who passed the sentence. But Pontius Pilate, regardless of what he did, could not relieve the inner man. The outside appearance does not relieve us from our obligations. We cannot clear the conscience that is within us if we actually do not do the work, and that is what we tried to do this year.

Again I thank you for the privilege of coming here to extend my greetings. I wish for you a happy week, a pleasant week. I wish for you everything that God sees fit to give.

And to my sister Katharine, she knows what is in my heart. May God in His infinite wisdom spare each and every one of you that we may meet again. Thank you.

Mrs. RHODA DENNY MOSS, past president National Woman's Relief Corps. I want to extend my personal regards to the Grand Army of the Republic as the national president of your auxiliary of last year. I am happy to see so many of you here this year. And to you, Mr. Commander in Chief, our hearts go out in delight and happiness at the way you have picked up the torch that was dropped by our Commander in Chief Andrew and how you held it up to the Grand Army of the Republic. And we are thankful to our Heavenly Father that you have had the strength to carry on at this convention for your comrades. And may I say that the hearts of all the women of the Woman's Relief Corps are with you comrades in this convention, and we will do everything we can for you.

Mrs. EDWINA P. TRIGG, past national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander in Chief, Katharine Flood, the secretary, the Grand Army of the Republic, my friends—especially Colonel Martin, and I might say my neighbor comrade, Comrade Nixon, of Kansas, my home State:

I was privileged to be in your council last year. I considered it a great privilege. I came only as an individual this year with my national president. She said before the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic today, "We are offering our support, whatever you want."

You are the comrades of my father, you are the comrades of my grandfather, and you are the comrades of my six uncles, and whatever I do personally would be because of my love and the blood that runs in my veins. Whatever I do for the organization is because my heart is in it, in our Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and what it represents. It is the second in the organization of this family of the Grand Army of the Republic and your allied organizations, and we are still second.

I think that you have a wonderful secretary. I am paying my tribute to Katharine Flood, because I know that my year was happier because of her service. I know that yours is happier for her attention and for her service to you and the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am only hoping I may live to see many, many more such gatherings. My prayers are with you and the prayers of our organization, and we stand ready at all times to give you the best that is in us. Thank you very much.

Mrs. ANNE RAEYLING, past national president Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My commander in chief, A. T. Anderson, of the Grand Army of the Republic, I deem it a great honor to be here with my national president. I was national president last year, and I was very, very happy to sit in your council meeting and see the dear comrades, my father's dear comrades. I just extend to you my own personal greetings, and I wish for each and every one of you Godspeed to your home, and to my dear commander in chief from Pennsylvania—I love you, A. T. Anderson. You don't mind my saying that, do you? We all love him in Pennsylvania. We loved Commander in Chief Andrew, too, just the same. So take from Pennsylvania the Daughters' greetings for Godspeed for every one of you to your home town.

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON, past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander in Chief Anderson and comrades of Abraham Lincoln, and my good sister coworkers of the allied organizations, and Sister Katharine, I am here today because of the virtue of my office as past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander in Chief Barrett and myself are the two delegates to be here representing our organization, and I deem it an honor. Next year I will not have the honor, and I hope that I have a message for you today that you as comrades will some time consider relative to your organization and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My thought is this, comrades:

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through this country are having difficulties, especially on Memorial Day. It is taken up at our encampments and by your national department, and as commander in chief last year I was questioned almost everywhere I went, "Where do we Sons of Veterans stand when the Grand Army of the Republic have all gone, have all answered their last Commander in Chief?"

Now, the situation today, my friends and my comrades, is this: The American Legion are stepping in and taking everything away from us. For over 50 years we have been decorating the graves of your comrades; we have assisted you; we have done all that we could for you. Now when it comes our time to carry on in your stead, to

perpetuate your memory, to carry your Memorial Day programs, the American Legion steps in, the Veterans of Foreign Wars steps in, and they say: "You fellows have got nothing to do with this. We veterans are going to decorate the graves of the Grand Army of the Republic." And they get the money to do it. Is that fair? Of course it isn't fair. And what have we got to show, comrades? When we go before the legislative bodies, when we go before town committees, they say: "What right have you Sons of Veterans to ask for appropriations to decorate graves?" What have we got to show for it? We have nothing to show for it.

Secretary FLOOD. It is printed in the National Journal.

Mr. ANDERSON. They have come to us time and time again. I have told the boys that they should take it up in their local departments, so they could, in speaking with them, go in before these committees and say, "Here is the action of the Grand Army of the Republic." Now, that is my story; that is my message.

Sister Flood says it is in the Journal. I have not seen it. Many others haven't seen it. And that is the thought that has been in my mind, that here we are, Daughters and Sons in the official family of the Grand Army of the Republic, hoping in the future to carry on and perpetuate your ideals, and we are just wondering what is going to happen when the time comes that we are supposed to step into your boots and carry on the ideals for which you fought. We want to do that. We have been doing all we can for the last 50 years. We want to carry on for 50 years more, if possible, as an organization.

It seems to me we have got to have something definite in every department through our country, for these organizations say when you go before the legislative bodies and these various committees that we have not been authorized by the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to do this work. Now, that is very definite and that is my message.

I have heard it in your encampment and I have heard it in my encampment, comrades, that you won't be with us much longer. Let me tell you, comrades, just as long as there is one comrade living, no matter where he is, he will be the Grand Army of the Republic, and that will be a long time from now.

As I said, I hope God will preserve you men so that you can live many more years to come to enjoy this great monument of the world, the United States of America, made possible by your sacrifices; and we, your flesh and blood, want to carry on, want to preserve your ideals and see to it that the isms entering into this country to overthrow the things you fought for have all been driven out of America and not permitted to come into America again.

And we hope, as a great patriotic family, connected for the purpose of carrying on and preserving your ideals, that you will—if it has not already been done I hope it will come out at this encampment for the benefit of all of our organizations that something definite has been done, and let us have a copy of it and let us have some reference so that the boys at our encampment and the girls of the various organizations can go back home and say, "This is what the Grand Army has done this year or last year," and keep it on file, and then when you get into your boards and committees, when you go into

the State legislative bodies, prove it to them, and then you will get somewhere.

Comrades, I am glad of this opportunity. I am glad to see you all here. I hope you enjoy this encampment. Let me assure you, comrades, the spirit of Lincoln still lives because I recall now a short sentence in his Gettysburg Address where he said, "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us." And, my comrades, your Sons and your Daughters and the members of the allied organizations have got a great task remaining before us if we are going to carry on the things for which you stood. Thank you. [Applause.]

Comrade STRITCH. I hope Commander Anderson doesn't leave the room till I get through talking. I know Commander Anderson, I have proved that when at an encampment it was my privilege to pin a badge on our retiring Commander in Chief I called Commander Anderson, Commander in Chief of the Sons of Veterans, to do that act. That proves to you, Comrade Anderson, how I stand, and I am going to prove to you further.

You will have difficulty, you Sons of Veterans. So did we, your fathers. So will every man and woman have difficulty. But you have got to do as we have done, fight for your places in history. We fought for our places in history, and we will do the best we can while we are alive to maintain our place in history. You are a man. You Sons of Veterans are men. You will always meet with difficulty. You won't get anything from the Government until you demand it. We didn't. Eleven, thirteen, and fifteen dollars a month, and beggarly pensions when we began to get pensions, until, through united efforts, we made our mark and the Government of the United States recognized us and reimbursed us in a way.

So, Commander Anderson, you being a man, father of a family, you must expect a little difficulty. Don't get discouraged. The Grand Army will do all they can, but as a physical force they are disappearing. While we are on earth we will do our best for the Sons of Veterans because they belong to us.

Now, if I could only do more as an individual member of the Grand Army of the Republic. God knows my State recognizes me. For the first time in history they elected me to prove that I was a friend of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans. That is why I have the manhood to stand up here and speak for my dear Katharine Flood. There isn't an honest or decent man in the country but recognizes the worth of womanhood, and the Grand Army recognizes decent women no matter where they are. Without any more eulogy we know the worth of our secretary. We know what we value her, every one of us. We can say it, and say it truthfully, that we all love her.

To the Sons of Veterans, stay as long as you can, do what you can. Fight. You will have to do it to get anything.

Mrs. ANNE E. LOCKYER, past national president Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander in Chief Comrade Anderson, our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and national presidents, I think Katharine Flood belongs to us just as much as she does to the Grand Army. I had the pleasure last year of stopping a couple of days and visiting with Commander in Chief Rownd and also the national secretary of the Grand Army, so

it is only customary to say that I too learned to love Katharine Flood. I know how you appreciate her, and you have a right to appreciate her.

Last year I missed this meeting on account of illness, and this year I am particularly pleased to come in and sit in this meeting of your national council of administration. And while our national president extended the greetings of our organization I know and I feel that you realize what our organization has done and always will be willing to do when you need any help.

I want to extend to you my personal greetings and hope that you will have one of the finest conventions that you have ever had and will have many, many years and that you will come back to us next year wherever we meet for the national convention. I understand they are bidding for it in California, so that is really an object to look forward to—if we could all go to California. Colonel Martin says they have more Civil War veterans out there in California than they have in the rest of the United States. I said, "It is because they live in God's country. They don't freeze to death." I think that has a lot to do with it.

But, at any rate, I am glad you are here. I just hope that you do have good health and happiness and can live many, many years. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. I thought this was a meeting of the national council of administration, but since it has been turned into such a wonderful admiration society I would be lacking if I did not express my appreciation of the things that have been said about me today. I do appreciate them. And I have tried to belong to you all. I have not recognized one organization more than another, and I have tried to walk the straight and narrow path that I might not be accused of favoring one order over another.

And to you, Bill, I want to say the national encampment voted during one of the periods when I was out of headquarters that the Memorial Day work of the Grand Army of the Republic, where there was no post, should be taken charge of by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War if there was a camp, and I will see that you get a signed and sealed copy of that.

Mr. ANDERSON. I have known this lady here for over 30 years, not since she has been national secretary, but since I was almost in knee pants. Just when I got into the organization she was then working for the Grand Army of the Republic. So there is a lady that is true to the heart and core as to the ideals for which you men stand. She has not only sacrificed herself and her health and life just while she was national secretary, but she has been doing it for years—long before I got in the organization. I want at this time to pay my compliments to her in behalf of your comrades and in behalf of my father because of her service rendered to you men in these past years.

Secretary FLOOD. They tell me that last year our commander in chief said that he was speaking for someone who could not come and speak for himself. I would like today to express to these allies the pleasure that Comrade Andrew expressed when he came home from his official trip. He was about the happiest man that I had ever known over that trip. I was with these national presidents and

the other officers that came with the party, and I think I can say that in all the years I have been arranging your trip it was one of the most congenial and it was the largest party that has traveled. And there was never a cross word in the entire party, or a cross look. They were a happy, congenial, cooperative traveling party, and Commander in Chief Andrew was so proud of his official family and was happy with them, and I want to tell you that for him today.

Comrade COWAN. Miss Flood, I want to say that the Grand Army agrees with every good thing that has been said about you, and they fully appreciate your good work for the good of the Grand Army. While we don't say very much we feel it just the same.

Secretary FLOOD. I want to say, comrades, that everyone of you represents my own father, with whom I went to national encampments, with my mother, years before I came into national headquarters. And so today, while he has been gone for 14 years, I am still working for him when I do for you.

Comrade FOGLER. Commander in Chief, I would like to make a simple statement for what it is worth. My town in Maine, a town of some 7,000 inhabitants, has enough Sons of Veterans to make a good large camp. They never organized in any way. And when it fell to someone else to take care of the Memorial Day exercises and decorate the graves no one of them came forward. The American Legion, without any request, came forward and took charge of the Memorial Day exercises and have carried them on ever since. I simply make this statement for what it is worth.

Secretary FLOOD. Has any comrade anything else to say, or any other business to bring before the meeting?

Comrade NOLL. Commander in Chief, your most efficient Secretary—I want to say just a few words. I became very intimately acquainted with Comrade Andrew. He and I were together most of the time during our convention in Des Moines, and his room opened into mine. We were there constantly day after day. I think he is the most agreeable man that we have had as commander in chief.

And I was also intimately acquainted with another commander in chief that you had, Judge Willett. I visited him the last half day of his life. I was the last person, perhaps, that he recognized at any time. His nurse said he recognized me when she asked him if he knew who I was. I have been intimately acquainted with Judge Willett for over 50 years. He and I did not always agree. Of course we expressed the same ideas in politics and all those things. But politics has nothing to do with the Grand Army of the Republic. We don't talk politics in the Grand Army. Time was when they did, but it was done away with years ago. Now we are called down if we begin to talk politics. Some Democrats, some Republicans—very few Democrats probably in the Grand Army of the Republic. But that is because, perhaps, they were brought up under the domination of the great Lincoln here, the first abolitionist of the country.

We have enjoyed this. We have met here several times in this place. I was a veteran from the State of Illinois. Four of us brothers went into the Army from Illinois. My oldest brother was in 4 years and a half. He was shot 5 times. He lived to be over 90 years of age. And what little sacrifice we made, our 9 years and a half that we

defended our country, that our family served in the Civil War, we think it is nothing compared to what we have saved, what has been left, that we have a united country.

I was down in Alabama a short time ago. And I had an idea that the Alabama people think it was the finest thing in the world that the war terminated as it did. There is one thing down in Alabama that perhaps you never knew. I never did until I went down there. There is one county in the northeast part of Alabama that never seceded. They have always elected a Republican representative from that county.

I met a Federal judge down there who said he was the only other Republican office holder there was in the State of Alabama. The judge was very friendly to me. He shook hands, and came down from his high seat to escort me out of the building when we came away. I probably never was treated any better than I was in Alabama. I don't believe they know how to treat a person in any other way—most civil and friendly. I didn't get up to tell about that, but I just wanted to say that after what I know about these other gentlemen, Mr. Andrew and Mr. Willett and these other gentlemen that have been commander in chief—I cannot always remember their names, but you have one or two here from California that were high officers. I have not met any but what has very much appreciated their association, what little association I did. I have been very backward myself. It is very difficult for me to even get up and say a word to you. But still I thought it was my duty to say a few words here in commendation of Comrade Andrew and Judge Willett. Judge Willett was a dear friend of mine for over 50 years. He lived in the adjoining county. And, as I said before, I was the last one, perhaps, that he recognized living. I spent the last half day of his life with him. Des Moines is 60 miles from his home. We went over there from Des Moines. I think perhaps I have talked as long as you care to hear me.

Comrade McCoy. I want to speak on our Sons of Veterans to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have been chairman for a good many years on Memorial Day. In New Jersey they passed a law where there will be an appropriation of money made to meet the expenses of Decoration Day. They put in their budget what they think they will want for the flag and any expenses to carry on the work that the Grand Army wishes. Thereafter we appoint committees of all such as have any part in the work of Memorial Day to make it a success in decorating the graves.

Some time ago I made an especial point that the flagstaff should be decorated with flowers for the unknown soldiers in the cemetery—those who went forth to give their lives for the flag and when they came back knew nothing about it. I made it a special feature to decorate the flagstaff in the cemetery, and it has been carried out ever since.

The Sons of Veterans take up our work. I am the only man there. I am the last Grand Army man in my city. They all rallied around me as they would the flag that was in danger of capture, and they helped me to carry it out and make it a success in honor of your comrades that had passed away.

I am proud of my Sons of the Union Veterans in New Jersey. Last night when I arrived here they came up to my room and wanted to know how I was feeling and to wish me good luck. I appreciate all this.

I stand for the Grand Army of the Republic. We had three posts of the Grand Army which met in one room, and they are all gone. The charters were all piled on top of one another. I went to the board and had it put on the minutes that the Sons of Veterans were to have the room where the Grand Army had met, flags and poles and everything, and that the charters would still stay in the room when the post went out. Now these charters are all hung up and well taken care of, and everything that belonged to the Grand Army is also well taken care of by those Sons of Veterans. They have the spirt, and the women have the spirit, and as long as there is a camp of Sons of Veterans those things will be looked after.

There was also something else done in our State that should have been done long ago. Now we have our flags repaired and restored in good condition. I got that done in Trenton. We had a bill to appropriate \$8.000 for the restoration of the flags. That bill got up in the Senate, and one man was kind enough to take it out. They have what is called a graveyard. When they don't want a bill passed they throw it in the graveyard. And they told me that that man was the only man that could take it out. I went up there on the floor of the Senate and before I got through with that man he fished that bill out and they passed the appropriation to have these flags all fixed up and that has been done now. Now we have all the different flags of the regiments fixed so they will last for years and years.

I heard one of the comrades say that you have got to fight, and don't give up. Make the legislature understand what you want, go against it, and they will give you something. That is the way I did it. I wish you could see our flags.

I think the Sons of Veterans have done quite well. All the comrades are dead, and they say to me, "What do you want?" They do the work and attend to everything, and a Grand Army man has nothing more to do with it. Some of them say, "The Sons of Veterans have taken charge. What are you going to do about it?" Well, I think of their kind hearts when I do say a word about them. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. I would like to say something about the Sons of Veterans. When Commander Andrew died Mrs. Andrew said that she would like a Grand Army service since he was commander in chief, but if he hadn't been she would not have had any service. But she said, "There are no comrades." I said, "We will get the comrades for the Grand Army service." She said, "The American Legion in Monticello will furnish the pallbearers and the firing squad." I said, "Mrs. Andrew, your husband was the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we have an organization of the Sons of Veterans who cannot be overlooked in the arrangements for his funeral." She said, "There are none there." I said, "We will get them." And six Sons of Veterans from the city of Springfield and two from the city of Chicago acted as the two color bearers and the pallbearers at the funeral. We did use the American Legion of Monticello for the firing squad, and the bugler was a member of the Legion and judge of the county court.

Comrade STONE. Commander in Chief, Madam Secretary, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I don't want to trespass

upon your time with a long speech—just a few minutes. We are all agreed here to stand by the heritage our fathers left us—that of freedom, liberty, and justice; and the American slogan is now and has been and will be “One country, one flag, no compromise.”

Comrade PEARCE. I am a son of a veteran. My father was in the Army and took three of us boys. Two of them were killed at Kenesaw Mountain, and my father dug the grave and buried them. I am the only one left.

Comrade MARTIN. I don't want to use much of your time, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. To these allied organizations that are with us today, I want to thank them for coming. I have done a good deal of work at one time or another to try and get these girls into this meeting and every other meeting. Several years ago I wrote an idea of what the allies ought to do and sent out about a hundred letters—this was 5 or 6 years ago—trying to get some idea how these girls could get themselves appointed to get into these meetings; and I finally gave it up. I didn't quite, altogether. I don't mean that.

But after awhile this has taken hold and I am proud of these girls that you have here today. There are a lot of them that are gone. I didn't have an opportunity to say to them that the problem as they are working it out is not just what I wanted, but it is a good deal better than what I could expect. So this is along the kind of a track that I have been working and working and working at. We haven't had much business today, but in coming together we have perhaps brought up some ideas in one way and another that not only interest you but interest us too at these meetings from year to year. And I want to say again—I just got up to say this—that we are proud of you that you have come and hope you will come next year. Thank you.

Mrs. TRIGG. I came here last year. I was privileged to come this year. I wish it were possible that I could come every year, but as the decree stands now it is only the past president and those who succeed her. But I wish it were possible, comrades, for me to continue coming. It would be a pleasure, I know, for it has been a pleasure today. If we have come once we certainly would like to come again. I would like to do it. It is a privilege and honor that I will appreciate. If you will excuse me, I wish you all the joy in your convention.

Mrs. CARROLL. May I say just a word in reply to the remarks of Colonel Martin. I would like more representation, but I understand only two are permitted. I know that many of our group would be very happy to come and would always come.

Comrade STRITCH. I want to say a word, because I am interested. What I want to say in conjunction with Comrade Martin is this: If the ladies coming from the other organizations, if they come as representatives of their organization we will admit them in the Grand Army of the Republic because they are coming with the wishes of their organization. If you let every Tom, Dick, and Harry come from the women or men that would not be authorized by their organization, they would do something or say something that would offend their own organization in delicate matters. I am trying to put their status clearly to you and also Colonel Martin. I follow in that line. We

want to pay all due respect to the women and receive them as we should, but we want them as representing their body.

Secretary FLOOD. They came properly delegated by the vote of their national conventions.

I want to say, comrades, that all departments, commanders, and the chief of staff are due down in the Lincoln Room at 4 o'clock to meet the chairman of the parade committee, and if any of the comrades did not reply to the chief of staff's letter he would be glad to have them call on him when they get down there.

Comrade EASTERLY. If we have no more business I move we adjourn. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn if there is no other business to come before this organization. The motion is made that we adjourn. All in favor say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried. [3:55 p. m.]

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD IN THE BALLROOM OF THE
HOTEL ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1940**

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief in the ballroom of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill., Thursday, September 12, 1940. The meeting was called to order by the commander in chief at 4:25 p. m., and upon roll call the following members were found to be present:

Commander in Chief W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Rustan O. Reed, Seattle, Wash.

Chaplain in Chief Joshua C. Pearce, Denver, Colo.

Adjutant General Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Judge Advocate General T. J. Noll, Des Moines, Iowa.

Comrade Lewis H. Easterly, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade Truman N. Parsons, of Connecticut.

Comrade C. J. Rose, of Florida.

Comrade Albert G. Jones, of Idaho.

Comrade A. O. Gere, of Kansas.

Comrade John W. Fogler, of Maine.

Comrade George A. Gay, of Massachusetts.

Comrade M. J. Warner, of Michigan.

Comrade Thomas H. Stritch, of New York.

Comrade T. A. Penland, of Oregon.

Comrade A. W. Gabrio, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade John Shearer, of Texas.

Comrade Ira Stormes, of Utah.

Comrade Charles Grandy, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, there seems to be a mix-up. Illinois elected Comrade Burke, and he has gone home. The department commander says he has had no resignation from Comrade Burke, so he cannot fill the vacancy, and there are no substitutes for national officers or the council. Now it is up to you, not to me. The department commander is sitting here waiting for your decision.

Department Commander SHUMATE. Can I make an appointment?

Commander in Chief NIXON. You cannot. There are no substitutes on the national council of administration or for national officers in a meeting. The department commander says he has not received the resignation of Comrade Burke. Therefore he cannot make an appointment.

Commander in Chief NIXON. We will just have to go along without him, I suppose.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gage wants to be the substitute, and the commander says he cannot make him a substitute under the law.

Comrade HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Department Commander of Illinois. I will get the ruling and see if I can find the man.

Secretary FLOOD. The commander in chief can ask the judge advocate general.

Judge Advocate General T. J. NOLL. There is no substitute for him.

Comrade SHUMATE. What is your decision?

Commander in Chief NIXON. No substitute.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. I want my orders from the commander in chief whether I am a member or not.

Commander in Chief NIXON. I think not, according to the judge advocate.

Comrade GAGE. Commander in Chief, pardon me for an explanation of the situation. I have been very anxious in your next year's location, and I think my influence will go a long ways for the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have been proposed several times for the council of administration. I went down and saw the commander under the instructions of the secretary, and he says "I appoint you in the place of Burke." I met Burke today from Illinois on his way to his sickbed. He said, "I cannot officiate any more in my capacity." Now under those conditions I want the command of the commander in chief whether I am entitled to a membership in the council of administration or not. I don't think that the decision of anyone goes except through the commander in chief.

Commander in Chief NIXON. He never has resigned.

Comrade GAGE. If a member has resigned——

Commander in Chief NIXON. He has not, I say.

Comrade GAGE. It is just the same as the death of a member if he quits.

Commander in Chief NIXON. He is still alive and he has never resigned.

Comrade SHUMATE. If he had notified me that he resigned and I accepted——

Comrade GAGE. The only question is that I am appointed by the commander, and then that action is reversed, wherein is there any chance whatever of a legitimate decision? That is what I am after, a legitimate decision as to my standing as a member here.

Judge Advocate General NOLL. Two ways, by virtue of office and by election.

Secretary FLOOD. The law provides in the event of a vacancy by death or resignation the department commander may appoint. He says he has not had a resignation.

Commander in Chief NIXON. That is the way it stands. There has been no resignation.

Comrade GAGE. Well, I will say nothing more, but this: I always supposed that a body of men could decide their own membership. That is what I always supposed. I didn't suppose it was left to the decision of any one person. I thank you for your courtesy.

(Comrades Shumate and Gage retired.)

Secretary FLOOD. The adjutant general should be on the platform to help his commander in chief.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Yes, I would like him. What is the next order of business?

Comrade MARTIN. Haven't you got any order of business at all there?

Secretary FLOOD. Not for a council meeting. You have the budget to make for next year. Do you want me to tell you what the budget was last year?

Comrade MARTIN. Yes.

Secretary FLOOD. The budget last year was \$5,100. That covered the salaries of the secretary, the adjutant general, and the quartermaster general, a total of \$2,000. The rest of it was to cover the running expenses and the necessary expenses for the national headquarters, with a view to economy as far as the dignity of the organization might be maintained.

Comrade MARTIN. Will this budget at \$5,100 cover the expenses, as far as we can understand, we would have in the coming year?

Secretary FLOOD. I think it will. Of that \$800 was for the traveling expenses of the commander in chief, or as much thereof as he might use. Then they allowed \$600, which was not used this year, for other necessary travel. That is the legislative committee, if it had to go to Washington to a meeting, and the executive committee in the encampment city.

Comrade MARTIN. Do you comrades understand these different items that she has been reading? I think that you should. She talks very plain.

Comrade AMBROSE. I think I understand such as I heard. I came late.

Secretary FLOOD. Two thousand dollars for salaries, \$800 for the travel of the commander in chief, or as much thereof as he might use.

Comrade EASTERLY. It ought to be "as he needs." He might use it all.

Secretary FLOOD. I mean as he needs for travel for the Grand Army. That can be worded that way, if the reporter will so make it. Six hundred dollars to cover all other travel. That would be the executive committee meeting in the encampment city and the expenses of a trip to Washington on legislation, if necessary. That total amount was not used this year. That would leave \$1,700 to pay all other expenses of the organization, your printing, your postage, your office supplies, any necessary repairs on the typewriter, flowers for your national officers who die, or your past commanders in chief and in the case of last year it covered a wreath last winter at the tomb of President Abraham Lincoln. I am sure the expense this year will not come to that amount. It certainly will not exceed it. But we don't know what may happen unusual in the year to take money.

The death of the commander in chief this year brought about rather a peculiar situation and did exhaust the money appropriated. The council voted to make a demand on the estate of Commander in Chief Andrew for the check he had deposited on Tuesday before his death, and none of which he had used for travel. That money under his will would not go to his widow, but would be divided in four directions. So the council voted to make a demand on the executor for the return of that money which they had to vote out again to Commander Anderson. A situation like that might arise again, and your appropriation should not leave us at headquarters, wondering whether we have the right to

spend a nickel or a dime without being called upon to return it from our own pocket.

Comrade GAY. May I inquire, Miss Secretary, what your usual budget has been for the support of the national?

Secretary FLOOD. For the last 2 years it has been \$5,100.

Comrade GAY. That has been ample?

Secretary FLOOD. Plenty.

Comrade GAY. Do you think at this present time you would be liable to want anything more in your budget?

Secretary FLOOD. I do not.

Comrade MARTIN. Then I would offer a motion that the amount of money in our budget of last year, \$5,100, be appropriated for the coming year.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Do I hear a second to that?

Comrade MARTIN. The motion is that we appropriate \$5,100, the same amount as has been appropriated for the last 2 years, for the year coming. We are not increasing our expenses at all.

Comrade GAY. I rise to say this. You know usually there was someone, some of the party of the Grand Army of the Republic, thinking sometimes that the budget is a little too high and a little too heavy and there was some few that are getting more than their share for the moment. Well, now, I think if we look at that in a logical way, of course we all understand you can't run your national without supporting it. It has got to be supported, and I think that those that are controlling that end of the line know better than we people on the outside, because you know what your expenses are and you really know what you need, and I think we should all be willing to vote the amount that is necessary for you to use.

Secretary FLOOD. May I speak to the comrade? Comrade Gay, you may not know the manner in which the money is paid out. We have a voucher and check combined. The quartermaster general does not sign the check until the commander in chief and the adjutant general have approved it. Nobody can get more than their share because you vote \$1,800 to the Secretary, a hundred to the adjutant general, a hundred to the quartermaster general, you allow the commander in chief \$800 for traveling if he needs it for travel, and you allow \$600 to cover all other traveling for all officers detailed by the commander in chief. That leaves you \$1,700 to pay every other expense that comes into the office. That is paid out on a certified bill. There is not a chance for anybody to get a nickel in any way without padding his bills and we all know what railroad fares are today, and Pullman fares. They are printed. And the hotel bills are attached to the vouchers.

Comrade STRITCH. At this moment I have a desire to ask a question. If the commander in chief is allotted so much money for his traveling expenses and he does not travel will he still get that amount of money that is allotted to him?

Commander in Chief NIXON. No.

Comrade STRITCH. That is just what I wanted to know. My reason for asking that question—I have nothing to hide—I am here in kind of a representative manner. The former Commander in Chief Rownd when he was on his official visits fell sick, and as I understand there is a certain amount of money that he would like to have repaid. But under the ruling, if he did not travel, his claim is not lawful. I don't

want to do anything unlawful, but I want to see that a comrade gets his just dues. That is why I am speaking this way.

Comrade MARTIN. The auditors have audited the books and they are square, and they don't owe anybody. So that covers that.

Comrade EASTERLY. Question. There is a motion before the house. Let's have the question.

Comrade STRITCH. We can always ask a question.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Are you satisfied?

Comrade STRITCH. Perfectly.

Commander in Chief NIXON. All in favor of the motion will signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it.

Comrade MARTIN. What have we got next?

Secretary FLOOD. We have some visitors.

Secretary FLOOD. I would like to explain something about the permanent fund. We were authorized to withdraw up to 10 percent of the fund. We did not do that. This year when it looked as though we might have a war, the commander in chief, in the regular procedure laid down by the Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, ordered the sale of two of the permanent fund bonds. He thought the price would be more now than it might be in the case of war. And as a result, the trustees received into their account \$307.09 as a bonus on the sale of \$2,000 of bonds. That made it unnecessary for us to draw from the fund—that and the donations last year and the increase in per capita tax. Now under the increase in per capita tax we received \$1,041 in place of \$20.82. It made a big difference in the income, and there was drawn from the permanent fund only \$600.

It is my opinion that when all the bills of this encampment are taken care of that we will not have used that \$600. But the commander in chief and Quartermaster General Davidson felt that we should not come here and be short \$5 to pay the last bill of this last year. But I do think our finances are better this year than they have ever been.

Comrade AMEROSE. We are solvent.

Commander in Chief NIXON. What further business?

Secretary FLOOD. Well, we have some visitors. I see the new president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Grace Hahn, of Florida. I think they should all come to the platform. Then you can see your new officers for next year. All come up here.

Mrs. HAHN. Since I have been introduced first I will say, "Hello, everybody." I am Mrs. Hahn, from Miami, Fla. Captain Rose is my department commander. And I want to make a date with everyone of you, and that is to meet me at your diamond jubilee encampment this time next year. So that is a date with everyone of you.

I am making my remarks short because I know that there are other speakers. I want you to know that I love you and love you dearly. I love the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. I love to live and I love to work, and this year I am going to work harder than ever for the Grand Army of the Republic. Anything you need, ask me and we will do the best we can for you. God bless you.

Secretary FLOOD. We have the new president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. NELLIE K. STAMMEL, Indianapolis, Ind. Commander in Chief and comrades, it is a great pleasure to come before you today to meet you, and I am very happy. I want to pledge again our loyalty to the

Grand Army of the Republic and to assure you that we are ready to do anything that you may ask us to do. We love you and we want to serve you. Thank you, comrades.

Secretary FLOOD. The commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. CRAIG. Commander in Chief and comrades of my father, I want you to know that I, too, am very happy to be here this afternoon and sit in this council chamber with you. My father was a soldier from Iowa, Company E of the Sixteenth Volunteer Infantry. But he happened to be a professional horseshoer, and was therefore frequently called upon to shoe the horses of the officers in the Army. But he was in the Army long enough to get a little scalp wound, and then in riding on a train somewhere he got a cinder in one of his eyes. But I noticed that he was able to see me when I got into any mischief. He was also able to see very well, and he knew when and where to apply the law, and I always got it where I needed it.

I am very happy to say that my father was a great admirer of Samuel J. Kirkwood, the war Governor of Iowa. So when I came along he thought that he ought to name me after him, so he called me Kirkwood in memory of the late Hon. Samuel J. Kirkwood, of Iowa City, where my mother was born and from which my father served.

I am very, very proud of the Sons of Veterans. For a period now of more than 21 years I have been off and on a national officer, serving principally as the national chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans. This year they felt that they wanted to make me their commander in chief. I appreciate the honor very much.

Let me say to you in behalf of our Sons of Union Veterans that you will find the Sons of Union Veterans at your service. Also we will be only too happy to help in every way we possibly can. Somebody said to a bunch of old soldiers one day, "These young fellows, these boys and these girls are the finest and the best that we have." One of the comrades looked up into his face and said, "Wait a minute. What about the old boys?" "Well," he said, "I still feel that the new boys are pretty fine, and I will tell you the reason why. Just look at their daddies. They are all chips off of the old blocks."

We are happy to be here, comrades. God bless you every one, and we hope we will see all of you at the national encampment one year from now. Thank you.

Commander in Chief NIXON. The next lady is Mrs. Haskell, retiring president of the Ladies of the Grand Army. We would be glad to hear from her.

Mrs. FRANCES M. HASKELL. Commander in Chief and comrades, I came from right in the midst of an election over here to congratulate and bring greetings to Commander in Chief Nixon. I have worked with him quite a bit this year in my work and have seen him in Kansas and other places. Also I bring greetings to my superior officer in the Woman's Relief Corps, as I have been a member for 26 years of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. HAHN. Thank you.

Mrs. HASKELL. And greetings to Brother Craig, of the Sons of Union Veterans, and greetings to Katharine Flood, the old standby.

Secretary FLOOD. Thank you.

Mrs. HASKELL. And meet my brothers and sisters that I have traveled with all year. I missed last night Brother Ralph's reception. We were having quite a busy time, a big time up at the hotel, and at a quarter of 9 Frances Kuhns said, "You will be late at the armory. You just hustle." So I got a taxi and went to the armory, and I was the only one there of the Grand Army family, outside of you splendid boys, to sit on the platform. And, oh, was I proud of that picture as I sat there. The whole front row filled, and the back row partly filled, and your splendid addresses, your greetings, your experiences, and your roll calls. And it was all an inspiration to me to go on and on and on, and to all of us, to every soul in that armory. You boys are the ones to whom we still look for our inspiration. What you have done is a heritage and a tradition. But in what you are still doing and what you are going to do, we are right back of you. The Ladies of the Grand Army want to help you in every way. Comrade Nixon, they pledge their support and send their love to all of the comrades and your commander in chief.

Comrade REED. Here is one from Washington will watch you.

Mrs. HASKELL. There is Comrade Reed, my commander.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Junior vice commander in chief.

Mrs. HASKELL. Is he? Goody, goody, goody. I will have that news to carry back to our delegation, Comrade Reed. That is one for Washington. First it was the Daughters of Veterans to draw a national president. Next it was the Woman's Relief Corps, Sister Rhoda Moss. And then I appear at the tail end last year of the three when I was elected national president of the Ladies. Now my comrade and commander for 6 years there brings back the honor of junior vice commander in chief. I congratulate Comrade Reed.

I am just about through what I want to say. Now I am not going over to shake hands. This is the first time I have kissed this man.

Comrade REED. It isn't going to be the last one.

Mrs. HASKELL. So, comrades, I am going to bid you goodbye, although I may see you tomorrow. We will see you tomorrow at New Salem because we are presenting a tablet there, the Ladies of the Grand Army, General Logan's Memorial Day Address, as he was a commander in chief from Illinois, and also we want that hanging there. I am also placing a flag, Comrade Reed, in the museum from Governor Martin from the State of Washington in memory of Comrade Andrew. So we are going to be kind of busy out there tomorrow. We will see you all. Goodbye, dears.

Secretary FLOOD. Mrs. Margaret Bennett, delegate from the Woman's Relief Corps, past national president.

Mrs. BENNETT. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, past commanders in chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and these distinguished guests invited to come to the platform and to be here and deliberate with you in what you might have to bring before the committee today, the council of administration.

This is to me a great pleasure. I never once had expected when the motion was made that representation should be given to the allied orders to be here with you in these deliberations that I would ever be one to participate in this part of your ceremonies. So you know with what extreme pleasure I come to represent the retiring president of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps.

I do not want to take any length of time, as no doubt our national president has expressed every wish that was hers to bring and to give, as she is going to walk by your side this year. Commander in Chief, you may lean on her just as heavy as Comrade Rose leans on her in Florida. And you know what he does, and you know what she does. So you keep her to do the very same thing with you that she does with him. I am sure she will be glad to do it. She is a dear, sweet woman. Comrade Rose says she always wears clothes of purity because she is always dressed in white clothes. I thank you for this privilege very much.

Secretary FLOOD. Now, Past Commander in Chief, Dr. Barrett.

Dr. BARRETT. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in this encampment assembled, I am past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. I am happy that I have had the privilege now for 2 years to attend meetings of the Council of Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic. I never expected that I would be privileged to meet in such a meeting. However, it has been very pleasant to me to come among you.

I hope I have been able in some way in this last year, my commandery in chief year of the Sons, to have served fittingly and to have carried a message of appreciation wherever I have been of the real, worth-while contribution of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have always, to the best of my knowledge, endeavored in my travels throughout the United States this last year, which likely is somewhere twenty-five or thirty thousand miles, from my home in California where my good friend and our good friend Russell Martin comes from—in that neighborhood, as we have gone about I have talked to the men, the Sons of Union Veterans and those who are eligible, that the organization that it was my privilege to represent was founded along the lines similar to those of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for that reason I considered it a great privilege to be at the head of an organization so founded and guided by our fathers through the years.

And so at this time—I know you are tired—I just want to say to you, comrades of the Grand Army, I hope to continue in the service of carrying on the principles and love of country, of justice to humanity, because I have been in the work and practice of medicine for many years. I have been identified with medicine for nearly 40 years, a little over 40 years, probably 42 years, starting with the days we have all read about of the country doctor. And I had to do with one who was a son of a veteran, and later on he and I were privileged to organize a Camp of Sons of Veterans in Ohio, as it was my native State. So this is a privilege that has been earned through these years.

We are especially honored and I feel honored by having the privilege of coming to a meeting of this kind. Commander in Chief and your officers, I trust that this will be a splendid year and that together you may continue to enjoy the privileges of a country that you helped to save, and have always stood up squarely for the Constitution of the United States.

And we hope that no scourge of war will come this way. May God guide and direct us. But if necessary we must say we hope to be prepared and must be prepared to meet any emergency in a world that has gone mad in the way of greed, avarice, and destruction.

I am glad to have had this privilege. The commander of Washington and Alaska over here, Commander Reed, I am glad to see him again, and Commander Penland from Oregon I met a few weeks ago. I am happy to have had this opportunity at this time. I thank you very much.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, we have the president, of this past year, of the Auxiliary to the Sons, Mrs. Eva Blackman, of Chicago.

Mrs. BLACKMAN. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am glad to be here to assure you once more of the loyalty and devotion to you of the Auxiliary to your Sons. We have for the past 53 years assisted you and cooperated with you and for 53 years more we expect to help the same comrades that we have helped for the past 53 years. We have given you assistance whenever you needed it. We do come to your encampment with our annual love token. As I told you the other evening, if you need any more money just let us know and we will do the very best we can to get you some more.

I want to pledge you again the support of our organization and to wish for your commander in chief and each and every one of you here the very best of health for many years to come. Thank you very much.

Secretary FLOOD. We also have Mrs. Anne Lockyer, who was the national president presiding at Pittsburgh. She is from Ohio.

Mrs. LOCKYER. Commander in Chief Comrade Nixon, distinguished guests, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I spoke to you on Monday just a few minutes. I am only going to take a minute or two of your time because my voice, like some of the others, is getting bad. I know that there is one person in particular that is going to be proud and happy, and that is one of the Daughters, Dorothy Houghton. She has told me a great many things about your work for the Grand Army. I know Katherine is going to like to live in Topeka, Kans. I was there, Katherine, and spent Fourth of July. Hot, terribly hot.

I, too, pledge to you the support of our national organization, and I know that you will have the cooperation of every member of our organization, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

And, Katharine, may I just say that I hope after this convention is over you will take time off and get a little rest, because I know you need it.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, I would like to ask authority from this council of administration. When Comrade Davidson wrote that he would be unable to come to the encampment because of his health, I sent him some voucher checks to be signed in blank, to pay the closing bills of the last administration. None of us anticipated at that time that he would be taken from us. He signed the checks and sent them back. We are at the present without a quartermaster general until Comrade Nixon has had time to look through the membership and find someone who will accept. I would like authority from this council to date the final checks, in payment of the bills of this encampment back to the 5th of September, so that we may close our books and leave the city with our accounts all paid. I will ask the various people—the hotel, the printer, the telephone

company—to date their bills that we may predate our checks and close our bills and our accounts before headquarters are moved. I would like that authority.

Comrade FOGLER. I move that that authority be extended. [Motion carried.]

Comrade MARTIN. I would like to say just a word. These guests have come here, they have been asked here, and we have wanted each organization to have a committee here, that perhaps after a while they might get acquainted with us, the way we are doing business, and so forth.

While you have been sitting here you have heard read the different items of the budget and what they are used for, and so forth, and you can get a real idea of what we are doing with the money. Now you are furnishing this money to a certain extent. We want you to know just exactly what it is paid out for. While you are sitting here and hearing us talk and reading these items, and so forth, you will get a real idea of the way we are conducting our business. I am speaking of our national secretary, because she does all the work. So that there is no grab in it of any kind or description. Every dollar is accounted for, and there is none that is thrown away or used in any way excepting what is actually needed. So I hope that as you are sitting here that you got an idea of how this money is budgeted and how it is going to be used, and I hope that you have been interested in it.

But if you look in our quartermaster's report there is every item carried out in that book telling just what this money was paid for. You can examine it and study it and know just everything that is done, if you will just take the trouble to do that. I would like to have you do it, because we don't want any feeling that the money is being thrown away. It is a question of trying to conduct the Grand Army of the Republic for the least money that it would be possible to be done. If you will read these items I think you will understand that.

I hope these visiting committees, which I worked for a long time to have come to this council meeting, will come, so that they will take more interest in just what we have been talking about, so that everyone will be satisfied and know that their money is not being thrown away. One will ask, "Well, what happened to this?" and "What happened to that?" But in the report which is given out to everybody, every item is itemized and everyone will know just what it is paid for.

Maybe I am talking too plain. I don't mean to. I am trying to get over to you a way of helping us, that is all. I am delighted to have you here this afternoon, and I am sure every member of the council is also. But, anyhow, I am delighted to see every one of you, and I would like to see you a year from now. This young man here has talked me into accepting the office of adjutant general. I don't think there is anybody in the United States could have done that but he, so you see the influence that he has over the Grand Army. Thank you.

Commander in Chief NIXON. I am sure glad that I had that influence.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief and comrades, I want to apologize for the absence of the president of the Daughters of Union Veterans and her delegate. As we came into session I was called to go to their installation where I was to be the installing officer to install the president whom I appointed my chief of staff 25 years ago. Her secretary was the secretary I appointed 25 years ago. I sent back word she must get another installing officer. But that is why she and her delegate are not here, because they are being installed into office.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Comrades, I am sure we are all glad to have the members of these committees here. I was glad that I was able to get Comrade Martin's favorable reply.

Comrade ROSE. I wish to ask if there is an auditing committee in our order?

Comrade MARTIN. Yes; there is an auditing committee.

Comrade ROSE. I wish to ask what is the duty of this committee, if there is an auditing committee, if it audits the books and has a report?

Commander in Chief NIXON. There certainly is an auditing committee. It is always appointed.

Comrade MARTIN. I was appointed chairman of the auditing committee. We have audited the books. They are square.

Comrade ROSE. I didn't hear.

Comrade MARTIN. There are no debts out of any kind.

Commander in Chief NIXON. That report was made to the council of administration.

Comrade MARTIN. We will give it to you. The auditing committee reports direct to the council of administration that meets on Monday, the first day—that is, working day.

Commander in Chief CRAIG of the Sons of Veterans. May I add a word to this? You see I am very, very new in this business. They say that ministers are not supposed to be good business administrators. But you know, and I know, that there is not another bunch of men that can do so much on so little—with a little bit of money. As I look over the budget you have referred to and note the amounts of money received from the various organizations, I see that we, the Sons, are about the biggest bunch of tightwads in the whole organization. While our sister organization, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, has contributed \$500, I see that the Sons of Union Veterans have contributed only \$200.

I am ashamed of that showing and I pledge and promise you that if it is at all possible that amount is going to be more than doubled for 1940 and 1941, even if I have to squeeze a nickel or a penny or even twist the tail of the buffalo until it screams in order that you may have it.

Comrade STRITCH. I want to say a word or two. I don't take this visit to be a searching committee by any means. I take it that these ladies came here with only one object, and that is to pay us a social visit and cheer us on with our work. They have no doubt about the money that has been expended by the Grand Army of the Republic but what it has been done in a legitimate way. As a member of the Department of New York we had the pleasure to have

had some of these ladies at our encampment. I want to say that I am delighted to see you all in such good and splendid health. God bless you all.

Comrade SHEARER. When do you decide when and where we are to go next year?

Commander in Chief NIXON. We haven't decided yet.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Shearer, the encampment voted to refer it to the executive committee of the national council for investigation as to the possibilities of the cities asking for the encampment, because none of them had raised any money. The executive committee is not yet appointed, and they will have to get in correspondence with these cities to find out where this money is coming from, and General Orders will announce it.

Mrs. LOCKYER. Commander in Chief, I just want to say this much: When you start to talk about appointing an auditing committee here for the Grand Army of the Republic, these patriotic organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic are not going to stand for it. And if the time comes when you need more money you will have it, even if we have to go out and make it for you. So don't stint yourselves on the things that you need. I don't believe in it.

Secretary FLOOD. I would like to say, comrades, that when I contract a bill at headquarters I really beat them down for the Grand Army. If it is mine, I pay the price. But I do quibble with the printers and everybody else over what I pay for the Grand Army. I really humiliate myself sometimes, but I do get bottom prices.

Comrade SHEARER. We surely appreciate what you are doing for us.

Commander in Chief NIXON. Is there any other business, comrades, that you have in mind?

Comrade MARTIN. I don't know of any.

Commander in Chief NIXON. If not, a motion to adjourn would be in order.

Comrade STRITCH. Then I arise to make that motion. [Motion seconded.]

Comrade EASTERLY. Do we have a designated time when we meet?

Comrade STRITCH. I move that we adjourn sine die. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief NIXON. Any remarks? All in favor of the motion signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it. (5:30 p. m.)

MEMORIAL SERVICES
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**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES IN THE ILLINOIS STATE
ARMORY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SUNDAY EVENING, SEP-
TEMBER 8, 1940, 8 P. M.**

Hon. Walter H. Hagler, chairman, encampment committee, presiding.

(Music, United States Marine Band, Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader.)

Chairman HAGLER. My comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and members and guests of the affiliate organizations, it is with a great sense of humility and a feeling of extreme obligation that I assume the role of presiding officer at this initial meeting of the seventy-fourth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am in a rather peculiar position this evening in my capacity as general chairman and presiding officer, having come into this category by inheritance. I believe it is altogether fitting and proper at this particular moment that I hesitate and pay tribute, first to that grand old man who was your commander in chief, the late John Andrew, whom we reverently laid to rest a few short weeks ago, and to my comrade and your comrade, Gen. Carlos E. Black, many years the commanding officer of the Illinois National Guard and adjutant general of the State of Illinois, who also answered his last roll call and who was in reality the general chairman of all activities, and in whose place I most humbly preside tonight. If I can but fill his place in just a small way, I shall feel grateful.

It is my happy pleasure tonight and a great privilege to welcome you, the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated organizations, to this memorial service, in behalf of the citizens of Springfield, and to assure you that nothing will be spared to make this the most outstanding national encampment that the Grand Army has had in its 74 years of convention meetings.

Through the act of a grateful and patriotic Congress, we are privileged to have with us the most outstanding musical organization in the entire world, and the musical organization of our President. It is my great privilege at this time to present the United States Marine Band, under the direction of Capt. William F. Santelmann.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman HAGLER. I am sure they all enjoyed that. We pause at this time to call for Divine guidance during the encampment, and the invocation will be offered by an outstanding member of the Springfield Ministerial Association and a true American, Rev. Jerry Wallace, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church.

Rev. Mr. WALLACE. Let us stand, please. Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we pray Thy blessing upon all those of the Grand Army of the Republic and associated organizations who have passed on since

the last meeting. May Thy light perpetually shine upon them. Give them rest and peace, a realization of Thy perfect love in Thy Kingdom. Give them peace forever and ever.

And we pray Thee, O God, for those who are still with us. Keep them faithful unto the end, faithful to God and to the country and to the great ideals for which they have lived and for which they were willing to give their all.

And we pray Thee tonight to bless one whose heart is here, Thy servant Will (Taylor), whose heart was set upon this reunion and this encampment, lying sick in the hospital. Make the hands skillful that minister to him, make the remedies useful which are used for his recovery, and if it is Thy blessed will restore him to health. Bless the people who know him and love him.

We pray, O God, for our country. Save us from violence and disease and from confusion. Bless and make one great people of all the people brought here from many lands and countries to this one country. Bless our land with pure manners, with sound learning, and with honorable industry, and save us for Thy great purpose. And may we go on to a high and great destiny under Thee.

We pray, O God, in this world establish peace and righteousness among men everywhere. Thou hast promised that the implements of war shall be beaten into the implements of peace. Hasten that day. Hasten Thy coming, and help us to love Thee more and to serve Thee better, so at the last Thy kingdom may be established and Thy reign begin.

And we will give Thee the praise forever and ever. And all these our imperfect prayers and our inadequate requests we ask in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Chairman HAGLER. We in Springfield have been blessed the past years with our own musical organization that has brought great credit to itself and to the City of Springfield and much happiness through their ability to present music as we most enjoy it, and I am deeply grateful at this time to the Sangamo octet, who will favor us with some of their fine music under the direction of R. Albert Guest.

(The Lord's Prayer, Sangamo octet.)

Chairman HAGLER. Now comes the time that we pay our tribute to these bodies in convention assembled. They will be symbolized by the placing of floral tributes.

Placing of floral tributes in the form of a broken circle in honor of the members of the several organizations deceased during the year by:

Joshua C. Pearce, Denver, Colo., chaplain in chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Ann Weaver, Dallas, Tex., national chaplain, Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Mabel Y. Coffey, Colorado Springs, Colo., national chaplain, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Erma Chaplin, Oakland, Calif., national chaplain, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, Pittsburgh, Pa., national chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Mildred R. Webster, Springvale, Maine, national chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

(There Is No Death, Sangamo octet.)

Chairman HAGLER. I am sure we have all been inspired by the beautiful music and the impressive ceremony we have just witnessed and the tribute paid to you, the Grand Army of the Republic.

I know that the speaker of the evening has for us a message that will make us more patriotic, and it is my privilege to bring to you Rev. Myron L. Pontius, Jacksonville, Ill., as the speaker of the evening. Rev. Mr. Pontius.

Rev. Mr. PONTIUS. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated organizations, ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate most fully the privilege which is mine this evening and the honor which you bestow upon me in asking me to present this memorial message.

Certainly it was not an accident that the seventy-fourth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is held in Illinois.

By thy rivers gently flowing, Illinois, Illinois,
O'er thy prairies verdant growing, Illinois, Illinois,
Comes an echo on the breeze,
Rustling through the leafy trees.
And its mellow tones are these—Illinois, Illinois.
From a wilderness of prairies, Illinois, Illinois,
Straight thy way and never varies, Illinois, Illinois,
Till upon the inland sea,
Stands thy great commercial tree,
Turning all the world to thee, Illinois, Illinois.
When you heard your country calling, Illinois,
When the shot and shell were falling, Illinois,
When the Southern hosts withdrew,
Pitting Gray against the Blue,
There were none more brave than you, Illinois.
Not without thy wondrous story, Illinois, Illinois,
Can be writ the Nation's glory, Illinois, Illinois.
On the record of thy years,
Ab'ram Lincoln's name appears,
Grant and Logan and our tears, Illinois, Illinois.

I was born in Indiana, educated in Ohio and Connecticut, and for nearly 40 years I have been a citizen of Illinois. Born a Hoosier, educated a Buckeye and Nutmeg, I am now a Sucker. As an adopted son of Illinois I welcome you, welcoming you to this Prairie State and to our capital, the home of Abraham Lincoln.

Because you come from many different States this evening we recognize the fact that Illinois is a part of the United States of America, the only great democracy at peace in the world tonight.

What is American democracy? As I understand it, American democracy is the blending of two older forms of democracy; the one having a Hebrew background, the other having a Roman and a French background. The democracy that has a Hebrew background carries us back to the days of antiquity. In those days the countries surrounding Palestine had kings. These kings had a motto, "Might makes right." They had a law, the law of the jungle. They ruled with absolute authority and power. During those years and decades

in the little country of Palestine they created and maintained a government in which the king had limited power and authority. In the countries surrounding Palestine in those days of antiquity they had systems of religion. These were for the wealthy, the aristocratic, the powerful. During those days in little Palestine they had a religion for the masses. During those days of antiquity in the countries surrounding Palestine they had a system of education in each country. The system enabled the people in the country to educate the sons of the wealthy and powerful only.

During those years in little Palestine they had a system of education in some respects the forerunner of the common school system in the United States of America. In ancient Palestine they had an itinerant schoolmaster who went from community to community teaching the children. During those days of antiquity in the countries surrounding little Palestine the people seemed to be saying to the kings in their autocracy, "Get all you can and keep all you get."

During those days in little Palestine they had, for instance, a system of land tenure the most peculiar in the history of the world. When the children of Israel entered the land of Canaan the land was allotted to the individual family. This land might be lost through debt, through improvidence, through sickness. But in the Hebrew economy every fiftieth year was the year of jubilee and during that year the land reverted to the descendants of the original owners.

If you have followed me carefully in my presentation thus far you have procured this thought, that in that far-away day in that little country of Palestine there were embryonic ideas of democracy. These continued to develop down through the centuries. They came through the Greek period, and the Greeks made their contribution, for they gave to us through an Athenian philosophy the words "All men are created equal." This idea of democracy passed through the Roman period, growing continually until finally it reached England and entered the minds and hearts of a few people calling themselves Pilgrims or Puritans. These people possessed this idea and came to the shores of the New World.

There they said very directly: We have come to the shores of the New World that with our own hands we may cut down the trees of the forest, break the soil, bridge and dredge the rivers, develop natural resources and create here freedom to worship God. They said: Upon the shores of the New World we shall build a government in which the people shall command the king instead of the king commanding the people. And they said that underlying this new democracy there shall be free thought, free speech, a free press, the right to public assembly and freedom of worship.

That democracy which has a Roman or French background carries us back to the golden days of Rome when the Caesars were ruling in palace and coliseum on the banks of the Tiber. Gibbon tells us in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* that even during those days of autocracy there were in the city of Rome and in the Roman Empire permanent ideas of democracy and these came down through the centuries. One of the subject places in the Holy Roman Empire was France, and these democratic ideas found lodgment there, and further expression in the French Revolution, and finally the French

people said, "All men are created equal. All men have inherent inalienable rights in this idea of democracy."

It crossed the Channel and entered the minds and hearts of a few people calling themselves Virginians. They crossed the stormy Atlantic and landed upon the shores of the New World. No one ever accused the members of the Virginia Colony of saying, "We came here that with our own hands we might cut down the trees of the forest and bridge and dredge the rivers and develop natural resources," because 1 year before the Plymouth Colony began its existence in the north they had introduced slavery in the Virginia Colony. No one ever accused the Virginia Colony members of saying, "We came here seeking freedom to worship God."

However, they began to develop their institutions and their civilizations and there came the expression of this ideal of democracy brought forth in the words "All men are created equal" and "All men have inherent and inalienable rights."

As I understand it, there was a marriage between these two forms of democracy in the New World, the one in the Plymouth Colony based upon the proposition of free thought, free press, free speech, the right to public assembly and freedom of worship, and the one in the southern colony based upon the idea that all men are created equal and that all men have inherent, inalienable rights, among them the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and as I understand it, the offspring of this union is that which we call American democracy. And I will present to you, ladies and gentlemen, that which I shall mention again later in my brief message, that the Boys in Blue during the days of the sixties not only freed the slaves and preserved the Union, but they saved for us that which we call American democracy. [Applause.]

Many years ago a French artist conceived the idea of a statue enlightening the world, and they talked long concerning this Statue of Liberty and asked the question repeatedly, "Where shall it be placed? On the banks of the Seine commemorating the great Napoleon? No. On the banks of the Thames expressing England's supremacy upon the sea? No. Upon the historic battlefield of Waterloo where on June 18, 1815, fate and force combined to wreck the fortunes of their former king? No. Shall this statue be placed upon the banks of the yellow Tiber where the Caesars ruled in their autocracy? No."

Ladies and gentlemen, that statue had to be placed at the portals of the New World, and there it stands tonight, casting its light out in every direction. And for decades it has been standing there saying to the downtrodden and the oppressed of every land and the persecuted of all nations, "There is room for you in American democracy. You may come here and be welcome if you come understanding the genesis and the genius of our Government, if you come upholding our laws, if you come assisting us in the solution of our problems. But if you come to dethrone our laws and interfere with our peace, then you are enemies and aliens forever."

I wish it were possible for me to speak of the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic. You have exemplified a remarkable service and a genuine patriotism. But I must confine my

message to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic living and dead. And as I think of the Boys in Blue in the days of the sixties there are several words that come to my mind. First, the word "sacrifice." I do not understand the meaning of that term. I have never been able to understand why it is that so much suffering and sacrifice must apparently accompany—yea, precede—all genuine progress. But I know it is true.

My grandfather, many years ago when I was a boy, told me the story of the Boys in Blue and the conflict of the sixties, referring to those days when the Nation was rent in twain by civil strife, when in every community there was a fresh mound of earth, in every heart there was sorrow, when it seemed that God had turned His face from the United States of America.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated organizations, my grandfather told me of the sacrifices of the Boys in Blue, he told me of your forced marches and your privations, he told me of the horrors of Libby Prison, he told me how the Rebels poisoned your food and your water, he told me of the deadly Copperhead, the man who insisted upon living in the North and sympathizing with the South, the "fifth-column man" of the days of the sixties. And I recall that one day he gave me this impression which I have never removed from my mind and heart. He said, "I tell you from my own experience that one of the trying ordeals of the soldier is the thought of the possibility of dying out upon the field of battle alone." Friends, there is pathos in that thought. When you and I approach the end of the earthly sojourn somehow we want to be in our own homes surrounded by our loved ones. We want to look into eyes that have filled with tears as they have watched us. We want to clasp friendly hands. We want to be surrounded by men and women and children who carry us back in memory to the cherished days of our own childhood. I do. It is hard for the soldier to die out upon the battlefield alone.

I might say my grandfather told me of a boy in his regiment, a mere boy, who died out upon the field of battle during the nighttime. The dew of heaven descended upon his beardless face and curly locks. Mother and sweetheart in the faraway homeland were dreaming of him, all unconscious of the fact that he had given his life for his country. My friends, may we not believe that night as the dew descended from heaven it was the kiss of God upon those lips blanched by death? May we not believe that this night unseen or departed heroes touched their invisible hands upon this man who fell on the field of death?

Ladies and gentlemen, that is the price of America's greatness. That is the reason why tonight in this patriotic gathering we can talk about the supremacy of American democracy. Ah, it is true the blood of our heroes is vital, it is germinal. It is the seed from which the mighty harvest of Christian liberty springs, and you and I need to understand this evening that American democracy is moving onward, oftentimes not by a survival of the fittest but by the sacrifice of the best.

Then I call your attention to the fact that during those days of sacrifice oftentimes the dying boy out upon that field of battle could send

back a message to the home; and almost invariably it was a message something like this:

Tell my sister not to weep for me,
Nor sob with drooping head
When the troops come marching home again
With glad and gallant tread.
But to look upon them bravely,
With a calm and steadfast eye,
For her brother was a soldier
And not afraid to die.

Then, as I think of the boys in blue of the sixties another word comes to my mind. It is the word "patriotism." Some of the finest and most genuine patriotism in the history of the United States of America may be found in the stories of these boys in blue and their service during the days of the sixties. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, you represent a most peculiar and a very patriotic organization. You have not had a recruit in that organization in 75 years. All of the wealth of a modern Croesus could not purchase membership in your organization. As I understand, the only thing that can admit one is a bit of faded paper indicating that the bearer was honorably discharged from the United States Army or Navy during or following the Civil War.

Following the Battle of Austerlitz, the great Napoleon gave to each survivor a little bronze button, and that button contained these words: "Austerlitz. I was there." Many a time during the years of my life I have looked upon that little bronze button which you wear upon the lapel of your coat. Tonight that bronze button seems to say to us, "We are an exemplification of American patriotism. The War of the Sixties, the war to free the slaves, preserve the Union, save American democracy, I was there."

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as I have known them during the passing years of my ministry, have been an example of the finest patriotism and have never been interested in that cheap patriotism which shouts for its country without any knowledge of the genius of its institutions or its Government. What is patriotism? Well, real, genuine patriotism is more than a love of country. It is a love for any holy cause. You and I should consider our lives as precious gifts of God, too precious to be squandered, too precious to be wasted in dissipation, or so cheap that any unholy cause may have them for the asking.

And then as I think of the Boys in Blue in the days of the sixties another word comes to my mind. It is the word "peace." For 75 years the members of the Grand Army of the Republic have stood consistently for peace upon this earth. You rendered such a splendid service during the days of the sixties that we have had 75 years of domestic peace in the United States of America, a record unprecedented in the history of the world. And we recognize the fact that because of your effort, in the United States of America tonight there is no North, there is no South, there is no sectional strife. We have one flag, and if we are genuine Americans we declare that no person even in peacetime dare stand beneath the folds of that old flag and claim the protection which it affords unless they are genuinely and truly patriotic. [Applause.]

We recognize the fact that you have purchased and repurchased this peace for us, that we have one Union in the United States of America, and tonight, reverently I say it, we recognize the boys who fought in uniforms of gray. We recognize the great truth that they fought for that which they believe to be right, and no longer is there rancor, no longer is there anger.

By the flow of the inland river,
 Whence the fleets of iron have fled,
 Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,
 Asleep are the ranks of the dead;
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the judgment-day;
 Under the one, the Blue;
 Under the other, the Gray.

No more shall the war cry sever,
 Or the winding rivers be red;
 They banish our anger forever,
 When they laurel the graves of our dead!
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the judgment-day;
 Love and tears for the Blue,
 Tears and love for the Gray.

May I emphasize the fact that because of your valiant service we may emphasize and reemphasize the fact that whenever the United States of America has gone to war she has had uppermost in her mind and heart, peace, liberty, and democracy; and in every war in which the United States of America has participated we have settled or endeavored to settle a question not only for ourselves but also for others.

In the American Revolution we settled the question of independence, and following the American Revolution Great Britain never dared to treat her colonies as she had treated the Thirteen Original Colonies stretching along the Atlantic seaboard. And in the War of 1812 we proved that United States ships out upon the high seas are as free from invasion as the territory of the United States itself. In 1845 we settled the question as to whether a free and independent state has a right to choose its own national alliances.

In the War of the Sixties when the Nation was rent in twain by that civil strife during those dark days we settled the question with reference to human slavery, States' rights, the preservation of the Union, and the salvation of American democracy. And during the War of 1898 we proved that it is possible for a Nation to extend its righteous and altruistic hand to life the burden of tyranny from the downtrodden and the oppressed. [Applause.] During the World War we proved that it is possible for a country to send its men and supplies and munitions 3,000 miles across the sea in an attempt to make the world safe for democracy. [Applause.]

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, upon the pages of history I read that Napoleon in one of his campaigns noticed a private soldier who was rendering distinguished service. He was throwing hand grenades. Napoleon offered him a commission, but the man refused. He preferred to remain in the ranks. But Napoleon gave him a sword and with it the title, "The First Grenadier of France." Later this man was killed in action. Napoleon commanded that his heart should be taken from his body and carried by his regiment,

and each night at roll call when this man's name was called the man standing next to the place which this valiant soldier had occupied was compelled to answer: "He is dead—dead on the field of honor."

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, those of us who are not members of your organization who have watched you through the passing years note the fact that your ranks are growing thin. We notice from year to year men falling out of line, as did the commander of this organization only a few weeks ago. It has been a long time since you folded the last tent, since you rolled the last muster roll, and put out the last campfire. May I say we honor you, we glory in the patriotism which you manifested and the valiant, heroic service which you rendered in days gone by; and we recognize the fact that a man is no less a hero when he comes from the field of battle with his life.

You have immortalized for us in the United States of America 1 day in the year, the 30th day of May. And may I predict that when the last veteran of the Boys in Blue, the Union Army, has passed from these earthly scenes, genuinely patriotic men and women will continue to assemble on the 30th day of every May. Let the roll be called of the heroes of the War of the Sixties and as each name is called let patriotic young America answer clearly and distinctly, but in a spirit of reverence: "He is dead—dead on the field of honor, on the field of the cloth of gold." [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. Reverend Pontius, it has been inspiring to listen to the message you have brought us tonight, the environment of patriotism and love of country, and it brings to my mind what a blessing we have tonight to be able to assemble as we have with these grand old men, the Grand Army of the Republic, who through many generations have been the living symbol of true American patriotism and who have demonstrated it by their loyalty and teachings. That is the strength of our democracy today. Reverend Pontius, on behalf of those assembled here, I wish to convey to you our deep appreciation for the message you have given us tonight.

And the next phase of our program is a solemn one, that of paying tribute to our departed comrades, and this moment we should hold very sacred, as here in Springfield the supreme Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Abraham Lincoln, lived and was loved. Here he was inspired to deliver the address, *A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand*. Here he also gave his farewell address to the citizens of Springfield. Here is his final resting place. At this time we pay tribute to the memories of the deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the first of which will be given by commander in chief, Comrade A. T. Anderson.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Ladies and gentlemen of Springfield, Ill., and your State, and affiliated organizations here tonight, my mind reverts back to 8 years ago when we met in your city and tramped your streets, marching with my comrades. In the intervening time many of those comrades who marched with us then have been laid away, and the little remnant seen here tonight is all that is left of that great organization.

In 1866, in the little town of Decatur, Ill., a few comrades met and conceived the idea that they must do something for the widows and orphans. They formed a post there, and your State has the honor

of having the first Grand Army post that was ever organized. From that little post the organization grew and posts were formed in every loyal State.

The speaker who preceded me eulogized the Grand Army. There are many things I would like to tell you. I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. No greater organization ever existed than the Grand Army of the Republic. It was not a selfish organization. We did not allow anybody to stand up and talk for any religious belief. We did not allow any of that, or any political talks in the Grand Army. You didn't have to have money to be elected an officer in the Grand Army of the Republic. He must have been elected to that office on his merits.

And your city has the honor of sending the greatest man that ever was in the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.] He was loved and honored by every soldier, and a man who was born in extreme poverty. If you have seen, as I have, where he was born and raised, you might say with no surroundings but nature. But, ladies and gentlemen, he had a good mother. He had a mother that shaped his mind for honesty and uprightness. I want to speak of that mother. Never was a truer remark made than Abraham Lincoln made as he stood upon the White House steps and said, "All that I am, all that I ever expect to be I owe to my mother." Yes, he did not forget that mother.

And we tonight, ladies and gentlemen, could make the same remark if we had a good mother, and I think you all had that all that we are and all that we ever expect to be we owe to our mothers. And the mothers of this country are not eulogized enough for what they did in the Civil War.

The scenes that I saw, young boys too young to get in the Army first, the scenes that I saw of those mothers parting with their husbands and the husbands parting from the wives and the little children, tears in their eyes, bidding them farewell, and on the train waving a farewell for that wife and children. Don't you think that took nerve for a man to do that, and for that wife and mother?

We boys who went out had no cares to leave behind. But tonight I want to speak of my comrades. I have seen them one by one fade away. In my home city with 500 members, I have only one comrade in our county. One comrade left of that post. I want to say that the greatest eulogy that I could pass upon them is that their work is done, and it has been well done. May that be said of each one of us.

I stand here tonight representing our commander in chief, whom Providence took away from us a few weeks ago. I had visited with Comrade Andrew in my home city, with Miss Flood and the national presidents of the organizations, and we had a pleasant time. We had a room at the hotel. We entertained them there on account of bad weather. Comrade Andrew spoke to me of this convention and wanted me to be sure and be here, that this was going to be the greatest convention we had ever had. Little did I think that I would have to come here and try to carry out the principles that Comrade Andrew had formed for this convention. But Providence spared my health and my voice to speak. I will endeavor to carry out the principles of our commander in chief with honor and credit to the Grand Army of the Republic and the city of Springfield, Ill.

Tonight as you sit here in this peaceful city, what would this city have been had not the boys of 1861 to 1865 stood before the cannon's mouth and the guns of their enemies and won this war? We would have been under a dictator as they are in those other countries, and God forbid that ever this country may have to come to that. Think of the sacrifice that we made to have our liberty here in this country—one country, one nation, and one language. Woe be to the man that would endeavor to scrap that Constitution of the United States. [Applause.]

We have the greatest country in the world. We have the greatest flag in the world. It is honored and respected, and the boys brought it back from across the briny deep with honor and courage. Never has a star or stripe been taken from that flag.

We will never meet in your city again—not likely, but I want to leave you this message. Never allow a line of that Constitution to be scrapped by any President or any set of men anywhere in the country, but stand by that Constitution and that flag as long as life shall last. [Applause.]

I want to pay a tribute to Comrade Andrew. He was a man loyal to his country and loyal to his God. I hope tonight that in that sorrowful home where there is a vacant chair and a sorrowing family their loss is Comrade Andrew's gain. He has crossed the mystic river and I hope his comrades have met him on the other side, and he is there where there is no sorrow and where all tears are wiped out of our eyes. May we all meet in the great reunion. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. At this time we are going to dedicate the next number to Commander Andrew and the boys of the G. A. R. assembled in this hall, a number by the Sangamo octet.

(Illinois, Sangamo octet.)

Chairman HAGLER. We will now proceed with the tributes to deceased members. Next on the program is Elfie F. Carroll, president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Lisbon, N. Dak.

Mrs. CARROLL. Our past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and may I say tonight my Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John E. Andrew, was a noble character, a Christian gentleman and a true patriot. He was firm of purpose, yet kindly in manner. He was serious in thought, yet he possessed a keen sense of humor. He was alert and ready at all times to further the interest of any patriotic work and service. He was true to his flag—true to his comrades of the Great Civil War. He was devoted and loyal to our order, the National Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. He will be remembered always as a true friend, a valiant soldier, and a genuine statesman.

Because of his gentle manner, his rugged character, his keen insight, his rich experience, his alert mind, he was indeed an outstanding citizen and figure in American history. His spirit and his principles will live on to the inspiration and betterment of humanity and his service to us will never be forgotten.

As we speak of the sterling qualities of Past Commander in Chief John E. Andrew we likewise review those stanch and Christian characteristics of others of our Grand Army comrades, and there-

fore, in solemn and tender thought we have placed this our floral tribute to the memory of all our departed Grand Army comrades of this year.

Chairman HAGLER. I now introduce to you Frances M. Haskell, president of the ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. HASKELL. Tonight we commemorate our soldier dead. This is a night to put aside all labor and all care. The whole Grand Army family stand with bowed heads and saddened hearts to pay homage to our sleeping heroes who in the dark days of the Civil War so valiantly fought for the Nation's preservation, your comrades with whom you shared the weariness of the march, the perils of the battle, the bitterness of defeat and the glory of victory.

The foundations of our Government were laid in the blood of the patriots of the Civil War. Oh, the agony that it might be accomplished. Yet it was well for the Nation that the battle was fought out to the end, for out of the smoke of battle, liberty came forth there as the goddess of the morning, with the stars of States united resting as a diadem upon her brow, while around her sacred form was thrown the protecting mantle of the flag, and in her hand she carried the olive branch of peace.

Comrades, you are the instruments by which this beneficent result was achieved. Your agony was hard to bear, but through your agony and wounds and the succoring of your loved ones was the Nation healed, and through your work. You are the worthy defenders.

We pay our tribute to the dead. We have placed flowers to honor their memory. These flowers will shortly wither and decay, but the flowers of love and honor and gratitude will live in our hearts forever. Once more, heroic dead, we bid you farewell, your duty accomplished, your battle won. Rest in peace. Sleep the sleep that knows no waking while time endures. A grateful Nation keeps her vigil at your tomb. Peacefully sleep under the silent stars, campfires of the armies of the skies, under the flag that you defended so nobly and loved so well.

And, friends, just a short tribute to our grand commander who has answered the last roll call, John E. Andrew, with whom we traveled the year through, attended all the department conventions with him, and who left us so suddenly. It was such a shock that his Grand Army family felt that we could not go on, and I want to say a few words in his memory.

If the curtain could be lifted it would only be a step to Commander Andrew over yonder. He would wonder why we wept, when life's hour hand pointed heavenward. Our comrade's dear life ebbed away, leaving us with hearts of sadness and a cloud upon our eyes. For him the curtain has been lifted. With sweetest memories we bid him rest. He is waiting there with his crown of glory until our sun sinks in the West. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. Now the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Bertha M. Droz, of Mansfield, Ohio.

Mrs. DROZ. My Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, national heads, and visiting friends, may I express to the Grand Army of the Republic in behalf of the national organization Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War our appreciation

for the invitation to participate in your memorial service tonight, that we may pay tribute to our fathers who have answered the last roll call during the last year.

We trust in Him who doeth all things well. We lay aside the burdens of the day to pay tribute to those of our comrades who once met with us. The poet has said:

Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in a better land,
We will read the meaning of our prayers,
And then sometime we will understand.

We draw back the curtain, for we hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of feet, not along the dusty highway of life but along the golden street. We visualize the gate that stands ajar, and led by the hand of Him who has ever led him over life's rugged highways, we see our Comrade Andrew. We see him join another encampment. We hear him singing, not songs of home and loved ones by the homesick soldier lad, but we hear him singing all praise to the greatest Commander in Chief of all, who has issued the last general order: "Come unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And, as ever, a soldier, he obeys those orders.

But the scene changes. We view the grim results of the Reaper. At first we saw as through a glass darkly; now we see as face to face that the final chapter is being written. So with prayers in our hearts for guidance that we may be able to keep the faith of our fathers we will strive to carry on.

The flowers that we placed tonight are mute evidence of the love and constancy of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of 1861 to '65; also a pledge anew to carry on the work that has been given them to do.

To my late commander in chief no tribute of mine could ever express the love and esteem that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War have for Capt. John E. Andrew, and our hearts are saddened because there is a kindly face missing. May I say this, that—

When the eyes now closed shall open to behold the King,
When the ears so dull shall hear the harps of Heaven ring,
When on the head now hoary shall be placed the crown of gold,
'Tis then we'll know the lasting joy of never growing old.

[Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. I now present Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Huntington Park, Calif.

Dr. BARRETT. Commander in Chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, United States Marine Band, friends, ladies and gentlemen, many noble sires have fallen since last we met in Pittsburgh 1 year ago. As sinks the setting sun to rise another day, so fell our soldiers asleep, the Boys in Blue, to rise in the land of endless day; and we tonight honor their memory. We pause to recall that they as boys and men heard the call to duty in behalf of their country, and were willing to sacrifice all upon the altar of their beloved land.

It was the hour of great need, important issues looking to the future of a country destined to take a great place in the affairs of the world. Yes; it took sacrifice and courage, perhaps life, for—

tune, to protect the flag, the emblem of liberty, justice and humanity, the preservation of integrity and unity, the guarantee of equal rights to all, and the laws of the land. As we think on these things the part our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers had in all this, may we bow our heads and pray God to make us true and steadfast to the principles of life and love of country they exemplified.

May be inspired by our memories of their deeds and well-lived lives for the duties that confront us in this world of confusion and distress, of greed and destruction. May the thought of their fraternal ties help us to be bound to the great influence of friendship and concern for others that predominated their lives; that we go forth as they would want us, to stand firm against any intruder who would destroy the American way that our forefathers so valiantly fought for.

Yes; they were patriots and brave defenders of what they thought was right. So we, too, have grave situations and great responsibilities to face. And may we be hopeful that the teachings they have left of devotion and concern will show us the way to meet all emergencies.

And so when the shadows fall and the day's task is done, sorrows come. We seek the consoling power and influence of God's great love.

By this hour so dedicated to their memory may we as a grateful people, for what their lives have meant for us, resolve that the Nation's integrity, the honor of the flag, and the memory of our Union soldiers will be guarded by us all.

And now it is mine to pay a tribute to our deceased commander in chief, John Andrew, our guide, our inspiration for about 10 months of this commander in chief year. A person whom to meet was a real pleasure, giving one a sense of satisfaction that he was earnest, thoughtful, considerate, interested in the better things of life; whose very handshake gave you a thrill, whose conversation was entertaining, whose instructions wisely thought out made you feel his earnestness in the things he would have you do; and so the joy in serving under him gives us a remembrance that to have known him gave a sense of one of God's noblemen,

To serve with him was a pleasure. But God's word tells us that man's life has limitations and the last day when finally the summons to come where a place is prepared for him in the heavens and into the presence of God to dwell forever.

Many times we turn to the Book for consoling thoughts and to the historian's messages for thoughts to make our hearts at ease.

Lincoln said, "Die when I may, I want it said of me, by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow."

Some say, "When a man dies, what of his worldly gains?" But the angel who bends over him only asks what good deeds he has done.

No man's spirit was ever hurt by doing his duty, and one thing eternal is duty. He was not diverted from his duty by any idle reflections. He set himself to the task to be done. Immortal life! We are ready for it if we love life, live it bravely and faithfully.

when at ev'n time the heavens appear to recline so slowly and softly on the earth; and as we look and wonder in imagination we seem to realize an asylum of hope. How satisfied we seem and turn back to earthly things, but stronger, I am sure, for the daily task, conscious that we have realized God's ever presence.

Chairman HAGLER. We now present Eva B. Blackman, national president, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. BLACKMAN. The national auxiliary is gathered here this evening to pay a tribute to comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have answered the last roll call and gone over the Great Divide. The national Grand Army family has lost its commander in chief, Comrade John E. Andrew. But to say in losing our commander in chief the Grand Army family has sustained a great and heavy loss is just a small part of what that family has felt this year when they received that blow. So it is with sadness in our hearts and bowed heads that we pay tribute to Commander in Chief John E. Andrew and his comrades this evening.

Music—United States Marine Band.

Chairman HAGLER. I have been asked to announce that all meetings scheduled in the program for the week are on Springfield time, which is 1 hour faster than Central Standard Time. So you will have to move your watch up 1 hour, if you would be on time and avoid confusion.

We will now have the benediction by Rev. John B. Franz, of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. May I ask that you stand in silence following the benediction until the bugler gives the musical benediction Taps. Following Taps the meeting of this evening will stand adjourned.

Rev. Mr. FRANZ. May the blessing of God come upon us and abide with us. And keep us and guide us in the ways of peace into life everlasting. And may God grant eternal rest and peace to the souls of the faithful departed, through His mercy. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.) (10:15 p. m.)

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING HELD IN THE ILLINOIS STATE ARMORY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., MON- DAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1940, 8 P. M.

Hon. Walter H. Hagler, chairman encampment committee, presiding.

Music, United States Marine Band.

Chairman HAGLER (8:43 p. m.). The meeting will come to order. We are a little late in getting started. We meet again under the same roof and the echoes of last night's fine assembly seem to be still ringing in this hall. As I mentioned in the previous meeting, I am presiding with a feeling of humility and gratitude knowing that I am representing men of great ability and love of country, but I do appreciate the great honor that is mine in being able to act as your presiding officer at this Seventy-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is my privilege to announce the opening number on tonight's program, a selection by the United States Marine Band under the direction of Captain William F. Santelmann.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman HAGLER. The audience will please stand in tribute to the Star Spangled Banner to be sung by Mrs. Garry Westenberger.

(Star Spangled Banner, Mrs. Westenberger.)

Chairman HAGLER. Please remain standing while the invocation will be delivered by the Right Reverend Msgr. M. A. Tarrent, V. G., pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Monsignor TARRENT. Omnipotent Father, we ask Thy blessing upon this assemblage, upon the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in whose honor we have gathered, and upon the Nation for whom their comrades gave their lives and for which they themselves offered their sacrifices and their being. May we ask that we today may by the inspiration of their presence imbibe again of their spirit to love the flag and the Constitution for which it stands, the liberty, the justice, and the equality that it guarantees to all. And may we in turn under this inspiration be willing to offer sacrifice as needs may be that those liberties and this equality may be guaranteed to others yet unborn. Amen.

Chairman HAGLER. Tonight, again, we are going to be favored and entertained by Springfield's own, the Sangamo Octet, under the direction of R. Albert Guest.

(Selection, Sangamo Octet.)

Chairman HAGLER. The great State of Illinois, which gave so many of her sons to the Civil War, is proud and happy that its capital city should be chosen as the meeting place of the Grand Army of the Republic for its national convention session, and a man who is fully qualified and capable, due to his knowledge of the State of

Illinois, is here to bid you welcome and extend greetings in behalf of Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes, who is unable to attend. I present to you Mr. George R. Moore from the same office, who will bid you welcome for the State of Illinois.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Anderson, members and friends of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all affiliated organizations, I very greatly regret the necessity for bringing to you the news of Secretary Hughes' illness. He has been confined to his bed all day. At 6 o'clock, when I talked to him, he had arisen with the intention of coming to the meeting tonight to be with you as his particular tribute. He asked me, however, to read to you his message, and here is that message, addressed, of course, to Commander in Chief Anderson, all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated organizations, and distinguished guests:

I am grateful for the high honor conferred upon me in this privilege of welcoming to the State of Illinois guests so distinguished as the Grand Army of the Republic and all affiliated organizations. I feel that, to you, no verbal expression of welcome is necessary. Here you are at home, the first home of the Grand Army of the Republic, for here it was that your glorious organization was founded. Here were the homes of thousands of your comrades, and here is their final resting place.

Illinois gave to you and to the Nation her dearly beloved foster-son, Abraham Lincoln, your immortal Commander in Chief of Civil War days. A peace-loving, kindly man, he was forced to suffer sorrow and loss that this Nation might gain. He called other peace-loving men to arms that this Nation might endure. You, whom he called, followed Abraham Lincoln in both sorrow and loss.

Here tonight are the fast-thinning ranks of the Army in Blue, the men who responded to that call. Some of you were among the 260,000 enlisted sons of Illinois. All are men whom a grateful Nation, preserved by your devotion to duty, delights to honor, and with you, the sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, to whom you have given the blessed heritage of your courage, devotion, and patriotism.

You cannot fail to feel the welcome in the very air of Illinois, and in the smile and the handshake of her people, into whose hearts and homes you come as their own.

May your too-brief visit to our State long remain to you the bright and happy memory that it shall so remain to us, cherished and honored by us always.

That is Secretary Hughes' message. To it may I add the welcome of a son and grandson of veterans of the Confederacy, a native son of Illinois, proud beyond expression, of the Nation which you reunited. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. It is my pleasure at this time to introduce to you my friend and comrade, Hon. John W. Kapp, mayor of the city of Springfield.

Mayor KAPP. Chairman Hagler, Commander Anderson, Past Commander Mennet, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

As the mayor of the city of Springfield, I deem it not only a pleasure but a privilege to welcome this distinguished membership to the town which Abraham Lincoln helped to establish—in which he built the only home he ever owned, and within the shadow of which he now lies buried.

As this National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and their associate bodies will be our guests, it behooves all of us to give generously of our time and service in order to make this encampment something of strength and beauty, and one long to be remembered.

On the day of the arrival of this national encampment, our hearts

are sad at the death of Commander in Chief John E. Andrew, and also the death of the former adjutant general of the State of Illinois, Gen. Carlos E. Black, who was general chairman of this committee which is welcoming you to Springfield. Both of these men worked untiringly to make this national encampment in readiness, and to them Springfield and the State of Illinois, and the G. A. R., owe much.

Springfield is synonymous with the spirit of a kindly gaunt man in a tall hat, an old gray shawl about his shoulders, slowly walking with head bowed in thought through our city streets. For that reason, this encampment lies close to our hearts. Springfield is proud of its association with the immortal Abraham Lincoln, and the G. A. R., and for their love of America and American ideals.

Just as they fought to preserve the Union, let us, with ominous war clouds again hovering about us, rally about the flag as they rallied about the flag, with the words of Abraham Lincoln fresh in our minds: "A house divided against itself cannot long survive."

With the help of the Grand Army of the Republic, and their sons and daughters, America and American patriotism will be preserved for posterity.

The Grand Army of the Republic spiritually is as much a guiding light to this great country today as it was many years ago when it was inaugurated, following the close of the Civil War. It reflected strength, courage, initiative, and ingenuity at that time, and this is also true today at this encampment.

Spiritual patriotism does not age with time. It grows stronger and stronger, and is that type of patriotism that has settled a continent and kept democracy, faith, and justice alive for a century and a half, that kind of democracy that has been handed down to us by the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations.

Ladies and gentlemen, I hope that the memory of this national encampment, and your visit to Springfield will linger with you forever, and that you will carry to your respective homes a pleasant memory of your visit to Springfield. Thank you.

Chairman HAGLER. You have been welcomed by both the State and city officials. Next on our program we have one who comes from your own ranks, a man I have personally known for many years, a grand old man in Springfield whom we all know and love, Comrade Hiram H. Shumate, the Illinois Department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, who will officially welcome you. Is Comrade Shumate in the audience? I am informed that Comrade Shumate is not feeling well and is not here. But I will just mention and say for him that we do welcome you to Springfield, the city Abraham Lincoln called home.

We will now have a number by the United States Marine Band under the direction of Captain Santelmann.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman HAGLER. It is my privilege at this time to present to you Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson of the Grand Army of the Republic, who will respond on behalf of the entire national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic to these addresses of welcome.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades and affiliated organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic; it is certainly a great pleas-

ure to me to be able to stand once more in the city of Springfield honoring my comrades. It is with a degree of sadness, however, in this convention, when I think that I am here to carry out the principles of our commander in chief. He visited me last winter and his sole talk and his whole soul appeared to be wrapped up in this convention in Springfield. He insisted that I should come and enjoy this convention. Little did I think then that I would be called upon to finish his year's work. With the help and strength of Providence I want to carry out as near as I can the principles and arrangements that Comrade Andrew had made for this convention.

We are here in this peaceful city enjoying the hospitality of your city. There is a sad home not far from here and a vacant chair in that home, and a sadness there. But the ravage of time cannot be stopped. You know what time is. Life at best is a mystery. From the time we kneel at a mother's knee until death comes we have trials and difficulties and disappointments. My mother used to correct me, and I thought that when I got big enough so that I could boss myself I will be happy. But, friends, that day never comes.

When we leave the home and go out into the world to face the realities of the world it is a kindness of Providence that we do not know what awaits us in the future. We know not what a day nor a night will bring forth.

When I think over the years of '61 to '65 I recall that every boy was anxious to get into the Army. And the scenes that we saw day in and day out—fathers bidding farewell to their wives and their little ones and stepping upon the train and going out to fight for their country, waving farewell to that wife and family, with tears running down their cheeks, not knowing that they would ever see them again.

Those were sad sights, but with all that there were funny things happened in the Army and when the boys were trying to get into the Army. They ran off from home and joined the Army. When I enlisted in the city of Wheeling, W. Va., there was an Irish boy very anxious to get into the Army. I want to say that the Irish boys were the only boys that could get ahead of the officers. [Applause.] And they did.

This boy tried to get into the Army and they would not take him. He was not old enough, like the rest of us. But it got so they were taking most any age. Eighteen was the limit of age they had to be to get into the Army. He took the number 18 and put it in each shoe, and when he was asked his age he said he was over 18. Somebody told the doctor that he was not 17. He said, "Boy, you lied to me to get into the Army." "I did not." "You told me you was over 18." "When I told you that I was over 18." Then he told the doctor what he had done. So he examined him and concluded he would let him go.

But before the doctor finished the examination the doctor found that the boy only had one eye; that he was blind in one eye. The doctor said, "Young man, I cannot pass you. You have only got one eye." And the boy said, "Doctor, that is no excuse. When I shoot I shut one eye." The doctor said, "For that gritty remark I will pass you." He did.

The boy went out and camped with us, and a sicker boy I never saw to get back home. He didn't like the Army. He tried every way

to get a furlough home. They would not give him one. He played simple. He got bad soon after that. He tied a cord to one end of a stick, took a pin and made a hook out of it and put it on the other end of the cord, took his mess pan and sat out in front of his tent and he was fishing. He would drop that line in his mess pan, pull it up, look at it, and drop it back again. He kept that up for a week or 10 days, never spoke to anybody. The colonel and captain came along and saw him there, and they sent an orderly down from headquarters that they might as well discharge him, that there was something wrong with his head. He came down and took him up to headquarters and they discharged him and paid him off. He came down laughing and bundled up his clothes to go home. I said, "Where are you going, Pat?" He said, "I am going right straight home." I said, "Did you get discharged?" "Yes." "Did you get your pay?" "Yes. That is what I have been fishing for," he says. We had a great deal of fun. When we would see the officers we would ask them when they were going fishing. That is only one of the many tricks that was played by the boys to get back home.

It has a wonderful significance. When I was up near Seattle we went through a camp there of the World War boys. I was introduced to the colonel and I told him about this boy, what he did. "Oh," he says, "I have got a trick a good deal like that." He said, "A boy came down here in the camp one day who had been trying to get a furlough home. He said that he had received a telegram that his wife was dying and he would like to go home and see her before she died." The colonel told him that he had furloughed all the boys that he was entitled to, but that this was a very peculiar case. So he told him to come in in a couple of days; that he would see what he could do for him. At the end of the time the Irish boy walked in and said, "Have you got my furlough?" The colonel said, "Boy, I wrote home to your wife and she said that you were no good when you were home, to just keep you here." And the boy said, "Colonel, you and I are two of the biggest liars in this camp. I haven't got any wife." [Laughter.] Those are some of the tricks the boys would play to get out of the Army.

Friends, tonight when you think back on how many of our good boys sleep on the bloody fields and on the hills in the cemeteries, we have much to be thankful for that we are here in this peaceful country. When I was department commander and traveled over the State of Pennsylvania I made it my business to go into the factories, and two-thirds of the men in those factories were men taking the jobs of the men here and not citizens of the United States. I told the comrades 7 or 8 years before that when we were letting those people in here by the thousands, that they would have them some day on their hands to keep. I said, "I may not live to see it, but you will find you will have trouble." I said, "you may have bigger minds, after you let them in here, if you don't make them swear allegiance to our Constitution and our flag."

If I had the power that Congress has, no man or woman would stay in this country 24 hours after they landed here if they did not swear allegiance to the Constitution and our flag. [Applause.] I would put them on the first boat I could get them on and send them back. [Applause.] Let them live under their own flag.

Now, what we have in this country we have the "reds" who help the "black hands," sneaking in every place they can, making trouble. They have made their brags over in Russia that in 2 years they intend to take the United States and tear the Stars and Stripes from the Capitol and place the "red" flag there. They have as much or more to say in this country now than they did when they took Russia. I think they will find it a bigger job if they undertake that in this country. [Applause.]

I don't think there is any country that will undertake to take this country. They are making a great fuss now about getting ready for war. I think they had better have something to shoot at before they make so many guns. [Applause.]

When old Jim Buchanan left the White House in the Civil War—it has been a mystery to me how he ever got in there—there wasn't money enough in the Treasury of the United States to buy a hat. He gave the South the guns, he gave them the ammunition, and he gave them the money; and if Providence hadn't given us your good man from this city, old Abraham Lincoln, we never would have won that war. But I think Providence sent him to take the place of the man that we had.

And I tell you now, ladies and gentlemen—you all love this country—go to the election and vote, not for party but for the man you think will be to your best interests.

The taxpayers of this country have been imposed upon for the last 7 or 8 years. Taxes have gone up year by year till they have got to the point now that your farms are a liability instead of an investment. So has every property owner had the same experience. That is the condition our country is in today. It is a shame for a country like this to be in that condition.

As I told our Congressman when I was up there on a pension, I said "You men, we voted for you to come here as Congressmen and Senators and do the business of the Government, and haven't you made a pretty mess of it?" [Applause.] This is not politics. [Applause.] That is what we need in Washington City today is men like Abe Lincoln. [Applause.]

When I was a boy starting out to vote I was going to vote for a man that I was very intimate with and very friendly with. I told my father about it. They talked about the horse and buggy days and the old problems. If we had some people in Washington City that had as good judgment and sense as the old horse and buggy days had we would have better times. My father said, "Don't you vote for that man." I said, "Why? He is a good citizen and a nice fellow." "Yes, but," he says, "he never made a dollar for himself. He had it all handed to him." [Applause.] I have noticed that from my boyhood days up, and I never saw a man elected to office who never made his own way through life that made very much of an officer. A man who worked his way through the world and made his money, he knew the value of it. But the man who had it handed to him, he didn't know the value of it. He would go out and spend it, spend your money and the money that sent him there.

So I say to you on next November when you go to the election think about who you are going to vote for. Don't let party lead you away. Vote for your man. I say today the taxpayer should rebel

against this Government the way it is managed. [Applause.] Regardless of party the people should know this: When the Government was paying out \$2 and taking in \$1, what should our Congressmen and Senators have done? They should have set their foot down right on it then and said that the Government cannot exist this way, we will have to cut down expenses. And if they had cut some of their big salaries they would have had money enough to have balanced their budget and not been in debt up to nearly \$65,000,000,000 today. [Applause.]

Did you ever think of what the interest on that money would be? It would feed every man, woman, and child in the United States. We would not have to have these pest houses and places to feed so many people. It is always from bad management, and the taxpayers should consider their interest and vote and stand for men.

I went up to Congress. I was invited. I went up there and talked. They adjourned at half past 2 and called that a day. They said to me, "What do you think of Congress?" I said, "I will tell you if you don't get mad." "Well, we won't. We want to hear it." I said, "It reminds me of a children's playhouse, as much as anything I could compare it to." I says, "If the taxpayers would go to work at 10 o'clock and quit at 3 and call it a day, you would not get any salary." [Applause.]

That is just the condition—all votes and money, and they are afraid they will lose their jobs. I admire the man that will stand up for the people who send him there.

Oh, Huey Long, they were afraid of him! Friends, what did it cost us in this country to be free, when we were fighting for our liberties in this country. Your fights, they are nothing but skirmishes to what they were in 1861 to 1865. More people killed at the battle of Gettysburg than there is in these wars. And had not our boys stood before the cannon's mouth and the enemy's assaults they would have gone into Washington City and we today would have been living over in other countries. The boys in this country saved it.

Friends, I did not allow to talk so long. [Applause.] I told a man not long ago—he was going about the country and talking about putting men back for a third term—I said to him, "Let's talk a little bit of common sense." I said, "I have got a man in my office here. If he was running me in debt, wouldn't I be dumb to keep him here? I would cut down my overhead expense. If I didn't I would not last long." I said, "That is what you have got to do in this country. You have got to get a man there now who is not a dictator."

I said, "There are liars and figures, but figures won't lie. They cannot figure this out. No use trying to figure out dishonestly. Figures show the condition we are in today."

I hope and ask all of you—I will never speak to you again—not likely you will have another Grand Army convention in your city. We are living on borrowed time. We know not how soon that time will end. But I do beseech you to stand by the Constitution and that flag. [Applause.] Never allow any traitor or any man or any group of men to scrap that Constitution.

The old fathers in 1776 when they trudged to Philadelphia and wrote that Constitution—there never was such a document written

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on paper as that Constitution, and when it was ratified by Congress there never was a country in the world that made the advances this country has. And what are we doing now?

I talked to some of those steel men that employ 10,000 or 15,000 men. I said, "Why don't you run your mills at capacity?" "We don't want to make any money. If we would make a million dollars they would take it all from us in taxes." That is the way the people feel, and we will never see any better times until we see less taxes on the people. Businessmen as well as farmers and all kinds of business will have to be taxed less before we will see any better times.

Friends, I have talked too long. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. Commander Anderson, it is unnecessary for me to tell you that this audience certainly enjoyed your remarks. [Applause.] I only hope that the younger generation will profit by the sound logic that fell from your lips.

Next on the program is a number by the Sangamo Octet which they are going to dedicate to Commander Anderson and the Boys in Blue.

The octet sang "Song of the Vagabond" and when encored, responded with "Sleep, Kentucky Babe."

Chairman HAGLER. Our speaker of the evening is a man who has been in veterans' work for the past 20 years. He has had wide experience and is deeply interested in the welfare of the veterans of all wars. He is in charge of the department of pensions and compensation, and it is my pleasure to introduce to you at this time Maj. O. W. Clark, Assistant Administrator of Veterans Affairs of the United States of America.

Major CLARK. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Anderson, distinguished guests, a few days ago I had a telegram from General Hines, who is in Los Angeles. In the telegram he said: "Clark, go to Springfield, express my regrets to the G. A. R. that I cannot attend their convention, and make a better speech than I would make if I were there."

I know how disappointed you must be to have me attempt to make a better speech than General Hines would make if he were here. He has attended your encampments on several occasions, and he always gets great pleasure from such attendance.

The Veterans' Administration is an organization with a history going back approximately 150 years. The Veterans' Administration as an organization has not been in existence that long, but it has inherited the Pension Bureau, the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and the Veterans' Bureau.

We have about 37,000 employees, and about 32,000 of them are on the job day and night. Those are the employees who are engaged in the operation of our homes and our hospitals. While they may not actually be at their desk or in the laboratory or operating room, they are subject to call at all times. We are caring for about 80,000 veterans at the present time, and we anticipate 100,000 beds available for treatment of veterans in the year 1950.

As the chairman told you when he introduced me, I have charge of pensions and compensation. And that is not an easy job, because

most every veteran thinks he is entitled to a pension, and when he dies his widow and children think they are entitled to a pension. And about the only real pleasure I get is attending meetings of this kind when the general is too sick or too busy to come out and talk to you.

This group, representing as you do the most patriotic people in this country, this group which has maintained and preserved our traditions and all that America stands for, has every reason to be proud of its existence. Your leaders have appeared in Washington on several occasions pleading for certain widows who, because of their late marriage to their veteran husband, would not be entitled to a pension when he died. During the present year a bill which would relieve a great portion of those people passed the House, went to a committee in the Senate and is now there. I cannot tell you what chance it has of passing because I am not a Member of Congress, and even if I were I am sure, with the reputation they gained a few minutes ago from the commander in chief, you would not expect me to know. [Applause.]

As I said when I started talking, the general asked me to speak for him. He even went so far as to dig out of the can he keeps on the shelf in his cupboard one of his best speeches. I have it here. It is about 150 pages long, containing about 40,000 words. But I feel so good after enjoying the dinner with you this evening at the Woman's Relief Corps, feel so good when I look over the audience and see the members of the G. A. R. sitting here, that I just don't think I will spend the time and bore you to the extent of reading that 150-page speech. [Applause.]

Perhaps I will get fired when I go back to Washington for shirking on the job, but I am sure that an audience of this kind will appreciate brevity. And I want to close with the wish that you have a most successful encampment and that some time in the future General Hines will be so busy that he will ask me to represent him again. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. Thank you very much for the 150-page address. I assure you they all enjoyed your remarks.

We have next on the program John W. Fogler, chief of staff, who has a message to present to Commander in Chief Anderson. I am told that he is not here, and I presume we will postpone that portion of the program until the encampment meeting.

I have a little duty to perform for one who is not here tonight. I have a little gift that I wish to present to the commander in chief from one of his admirers here in Springfield, John W. Galyon. I am sure the national commander is going to carry it away with a good deal of pleasure. If he don't want it I am warning him right now I would like to have it myself. [Presenting picture of the Lincoln Tomb.]

(Selection, Sangamo octet.)

Chairman HAGLER. At this point of the program greetings are to be extended by the several organizations of the Grand Army family. I wish to present at this time Elfie F. Carroll, president of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. CARROLL. Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, my Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson, distinguished

guests, and friends all, in extending greetings to you I, too, have another couple of pages that I might give, but in looking down through the program I see that it is long, so that I will use but few words to say what I have to say. To begin with I am sure that you, with me, would rather hear additional numbers from our United States Marine Band. We have enjoyed them very much, as well as the words from the commander in chief and our special speaker.

So, I am just going to at this time extend again in the name of the National Woman's Relief Corps my greetings to you, to our commander here, and to the people who represent other organizations.

I have a very pleasant mission to perform otherwise, and I am going to do that also in a very few words. It has been customary each year at this time, through our national convention orders, to present a gift to the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am going to do that to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic through our Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson.

Comrade Anderson, in the name of the Woman's Relief Corps, your Auxiliary, I wish to present to you this check of \$1,000 [applause] to aid you in your work and those of your comrades in the organization. So, in behalf of the National Woman's Relief Corps, through you to the national organization, please accept that gift.

Chairman HAGLER. Next in the official family is Frances M. Haskell, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. HASKELL. Mr. Chairman, Comrade Anderson, I am going to tell a story. You may think it is that. Mine is a true story of one of my visits to a certain department. Your speech made me think of it. The ex-Governor was an ardent Democrat, and he extended the greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, all the allied organizations. It so happened that there were only four comrades and myself as the only national president. Anyway he got up and he made a grand speech. He said, "Look at what these boys on the platform, these four boys in blue, have given this country," waving it off. He said, "They have united the States, saved our flag, given us our Union, and, ladies and gentlemen, I think that every one of us should rise and salute and give an ovation to these grand G. O. P.'s" [Applause.] He meant to say G. A. R., of course.

Comrades, I deem it no small honor and a great privilege to be here tonight again in your presence; and while your ranks are growing thinner, we do not like to mention that. But it has been called to our attention so lately, and some day your deeds of valor and what you have given us, your service, your sacrifice, everything that you have done for us as a Nation, will be silent history. But your spirits will live on forever. Just so long as time endures you will live; just so long as our Government lives you will live.

And, comrades, tonight the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic bring to you loving greetings, and they also have a little gift. It is such a privilege, a privilege that some day but few of us will remember. We hope it will be 25 years from now anyway. And the ones who are coming after us, the generation who will follow, will never have had the splendid contact that we had, the inspiration of these grand boys that we have been privileged to enjoy. We may not realize it now, but the ones who come after won't have you as we

have had you, to appreciate you and the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Step up here, darling. Ladies and gentlemen, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are privileged tonight. It is their great pleasure, more pleasure to us to hand you this envelope with a thousand dollars than it is for you to receive it. Take it with our love, beloved comrade.

Chairman HAGLER. My friends, next on our program is Bertha M. Droz, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mansfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Droz. My Commander in Chief, comrades, distinguished friends, national heads, friends gathered here this evening; as the representative of the national organization, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I consider it a privilege to bring the greetings to our fathers from the only ladies' organization composed entirely of the blood descendants of the Union Veterans of the Civil War [applause], and to present our bit to the Grand Army of the Republic in helping them to carry on the work of their beloved organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. No greater love could a father bestow upon his children than to prepare for them in the future, and through the insight they possessed in knowing that, all the advantages to the country through the keeping of our country united and under one flag, with a humane love for a more unfortunate brother, makes us realize tonight more than ever how fortunate we are.

And so it is with gratitude and appreciation we present our gift to the Grand Army of the Republic, feeling the inadequacy of the sum. But not for one moment would we have them measure our loving appreciation by gifts or deeds, but only as an offspring appreciates the sacrifices made in their behalf.

Your flag, our flag, the flag you saved is a constant reminder of your love and sacrifice, the country we now enjoy, the golden heritage of your heroism. As I stood upon the Pacific coast this last summer and I saw the sun reflecting upon the waters, there arose above all a brilliant red. Ah, yes, I find red in my flag. I then realized more than ever why it was put there. It was a color from the hand of God and put there lest we forget.

Turning to my right I beheld the snow on the mountain peak lying far above the grime and dirt of the city, never to be smudged by the hand of man. How symbolic of the purity and white in the flag—the purity of their purpose, the high ideals for which they fought, perfected in the purity of God's snows, rising uncontaminated far above the world at large.

Evening came on and I glanced at the sky. What beauty I beheld in the summer night. The stars came out like gems and shone forth undaunted and unafraid. My field of blue, I cried, and my flag painted in God's everlasting colors.

As I journeyed across the States and I viewed the beauty of the mountains and the valleys and I looked at the fertile fields, I noticed the spires of our churches. I saw the cathedrals, I saw the beautiful homes, and I saw everything that would make my country a country of beauty with resources necessary to a good living. It

was then I realized more than ever that God does bless America. [Applause.]

Realizing the part you played in the formation of such a land, I assure you, in modest pride, I am happy to present to you in behalf of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of 1861 to 1865 our contribution, which is a check of \$1,000. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief Anderson, here is a loving cup. It is the usual custom of the Daughters of Union Veterans to present each commander in chief with a loving cup. Many have said it is filled with love, but don't you for one moment measure the love and admiration of the Daughters of Union Veterans by the size of this cup, for, to tell you a secret, it would be impossible for me to bring a cup here tonight large enough to contain that love. [Applause.] The fact of the matter is that this cup would not even hold a drop of the love and esteem that only one tent located in Washington, Pa., thinks of our Commander in Chief Anderson.

Just as that little bronze button symbolizes the greatest struggle that our country has ever known and the part you played in those days, so does this cup symbolize the love and esteem for you of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I assure you it is a pleasure for me to present this to you as a personal gift from the national organization.

Mrs. HASKELL. Mr. Chairman, may I say one word and correct Sister Bertha? [Applause.] Having been elected and worked through the year as national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of blood kin of the Grand Army, and knowing that outsiders and strangers cannot get in [applause], I would always maintain that the proudest title on earth is that of a son or daughter whose father wore the blue. My grandfather fought in the Civil War, enlisted when he was 47. Seven uncles, one was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness. And everyone in our organization has to be blood kin. How could we bear the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army? And I know that Sister Bertha misspoke that she represented the only organization, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I don't care, only I saw different ones trying to make a correction.

Chairman HAGLER. I am sure she will be only too glad to make the correction.

Mrs. DROZ. I do want to correct that, if there was a misunderstanding. I want to say that we are the only ladies' organization composed of blood descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. I believe that we will let the ladies finish their discussion in private and we will continue the program, because we don't want to lose any money.

Next on the program we have Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Huntington Park, Calif.

Dr. BARRETT. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic Anderson, I am awfully glad to be a son of a union veteran of the Civil War, and I am proud of the fact I am privileged to serve in this the fifty-ninth annual encampment of the organization which I represent.

Fifty-nine years ago, in those days soon after your return from the war, with your comrades, you began to think in terms of your sons. Many a time we know many of us walked with our hands in our fathers' when we were little tads on Memorial Day, because our fathers wanted us to march with them. So we learned the lesson of true greatness of an American citizen in the time of need of this our country.

I wish I might come to you and give to you a check tonight that would express what is in my heart. But I come to you from an organization of the Sons in encampment now and present to you a check that perhaps is more like a tip compared to some of the rest. I want to say to you, God bless you. We love you. And so we express our feeling in that way by this comparatively small check (\$200) and evidence that we stand by.

And we shall do our best to guard, with every influence we have, that heritage that you left, the United States of America. And to all my comrades, our fathers, I thank you for the privilege.

Chairman HAGLER. Continuing with the official family, next on the list is Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. BLACKMAN. Mr. Chairman, my Commander in Chief, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Distinguished Guests and Friends: For 53 years the organization I represent, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have assisted the Sons in carrying on the principles and objects of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in assisting the sons we have also been assisting the Grand Army of the Republic. Therefore we have two men's organizations to look after.

So tonight I am going to be very brief in my remarks and present you our usual love token of \$500 to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in continuing their work for next year. And if you need any more assistance from us we will do the very best we can to get you some more.

Chairman HAGLER. At this time Comrade Anderson will thank the official family for their gracious gifts.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. First, friends, I received from the Woman's Relief Corps this check for \$1,000. I want to say to you that that organization has been lovely to the Grand Army of the Republic. They always come forth in our department encampments and our national encampments. You have never failed us. And although the time may be short for many of us—time passes swiftly—but our appreciation of you will never die as long as life shall last.

To the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I want you to take back to your organization the love and respect of our Grand Army of the Republic. These checks will be of great help to us. We have no successors; we have no per capita; we are getting poorer, We hope we pay out accurately, but not have any money, and I am surprised to think you should. I want you to take back to your organization my heartfelt thanks for this check. I shall turn it with pleasure to our organization.

Next, I don't know what to say to you. I have been a member of your organization from my own town ever since it existed. I was a member of the Daughters long before we had any organization in

our own city. And when you expressed your love tonight to the Grand Army of the Republic, I would like to ask that you take back to them our best wishes. May God bless you in the future and be with us for many years.

The next check is from the Sons of Union Veterans. I have a son who drove 400 miles today to be here tonight, sitting down here in the audience. I am afraid he will be so proud that I cannot keep him from getting vain. I thank you for the eulogy you passed on the Sons of Veterans. But we as Grand Army men appreciate what the Sons of Veterans are doing for our organization. If the law would not prevent it, I would be in favor of turning over our Grand Army when we are done to the Sons of Veterans, for I think they are nearer to us than any other organization [applause], nearer than the boys who went over and whipped the Dutch in the other country.

This check is from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. To you, I surely am surprised at getting a check from this organization.

Mrs. BLACKMAN. We have done it for many years.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. I am very thankful. I hope your organization will flourish and grow, and you will enjoy your work as we have enjoyed it in the Grand Army. For 74 years we have worked faithfully to preserve what we accomplished in 1861 to 1865. We thank you, the younger generation. I hope you will carry on your work. Thank you.

Chairman HAGLER. Commander in Chief Anderson has just acknowledged these gifts. I don't think he showed partiality to this official family. Each one was greeted with all the fervor he could express.

(God Bless America, Sangamo octet.)

Chairman HAGLER. I am going to ask you to help us out on the next number. We will have the final number of the evening by the United States Marine Band. May I ask that you all rise and join in singing a verse of "America" and remain standing until after the benediction, which will be given by Rev. A. Ray Grummon, of the First Methodist Church, of Springfield, Ill.

(America, United States Marine Band.)

Rev. Mr. GRUMMON. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord lift us His countenance upon thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and give thee peace. Amen. (10:29 p. m.)

CAMPFIRE HELD IN THE ILLINOIS STATE ARMORY,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1940, 8 P. M.

Hon. Walter H. Hagler, chairman, encampment committee, presiding.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman HAGLER (8:35 p. m.). Our meeting tonight is the campfire meeting. A campfire brings to mind the period of the day when the struggle for existence has ceased momentarily, and in the bright, cheerful flames friends gather to exchange thoughts, to cement the bonds of friendship and to give little confidences that make us a little closer and bring a feeling of good will to each other and toward all men. The campfire, while a happy occasion, is in reality a very solemn session. The grand old men who today have paraded for the Seventy-fourth time in national encampment have set an example of true American patriotism and love of country that can never be shown by any other nation. We have seen an undying spirit that has perpetuated the American system of free men, free speech and free worship. Let us tonight take this as our theme and rededicate ourselves from this splendid example and pay homage and tribute to the Grand Army and follow in their footsteps that the people of the United States, regardless of color, race, or creed, will be free for all eternity. In the shadow of Lincoln's tomb we hold this assembly of the seventy-fourth encampment. These heroes of the war of '61 to '65 have come here to pay tribute to their Commander in Chief, Abraham Lincoln, and renew their pledge of allegiance to him. Let us, as we sit through this evening's program, keep that thought in mind, that we as free Americans continue to guard our liberty that posterity may have the same blessings of freedom and plenty that we have known.

Will the audience please rise while Rabbi Herman E. Snyder of the Temple B'rith Sholom asks Divine guidance for our meeting tonight.

Rabbi SNYDER. We pray unto Thee, our God and Father, who has watched over us and brought us until this hour. Thou art our guardian who sleepeth not and slumbereth not. In Thy compassion and in Thy wisdom hast Thou brought us unto this day. From Thee cometh both life and life-giving principles, thus giving man the power to discern right from wrong. For our guidance Thou hast established the laws by which men shall live. From Thee cometh our ideals which give meaning to life and purpose to life.

Inspired by Thy ideals and impelled by Thy eternal verities each generation has made its sacrifice of devotion. We thank Thee for the pioneers of each generation who made possible these United States of America, and who breathed into it the breath of freedom.

We thank Thee for these men who, in that same pioneer spirit, gave devoted service to make all men free, and thus gave reality to the brotherhood of humanity under the common fatherhood of God.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for these men who are here assembled in this encampment, who have lived to see the wounds healed and who have seen a divided State become United States. May we take increased devotion from these faithful servants of God and Nation. May we in this generation rededicate ourselves to the same ideals of equality and freedom which are eternal. May we so live that they who labored to bring forth this great democracy and preserved it may not have labored in vain.

We know full well, Lord, the price of these blessings is eternal vigilance. Thou, who sleepest not, make us aware of our responsibilities and our duties. Bless those who guide our destinies. May we have increased devotion through these men who have kept pace with time and have kept pace with Thee. Bless them and bless us that we may unitedly uphold the banner of righteousness, that its radiance may shine upon us and upon the generations yet to be. Amen.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman HAGLER. Will the audience please rise and join me in the pledge of allegiance to our country, to be followed immediately by the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner, under the direction of Capt. William F. Santelmann, by the United States Marine Band.

(Pledge of allegiance by the audience.)

(Star-Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman HAGLER. As I said earlier in the program, this is the campfire meeting. We would like to have the veterans of the G. A. R. come to the platform, no matter when they come in. So if any of you folks here see any of them, no matter who is talking or what is going on, they are welcome up here and we want them, because this is their meeting.

Tonight's address will be delivered by a younger man who has also demonstrated his love of country and love of American principles by fighting in the World War under the Stars and Stripes, and who has been a constant champion of the principles of our form of government and who will, as long as he lives, continue to do so. It is my great pleasure and privilege at this time to present to you the Honorable Earl B. Searcy, senator of the great State of Illinois.

Senator SEARCY. Chairman Hagler, Commander in Chief Anderson, and you young fellows of four score and ten years, my very deep and heartfelt greetings. This is campfire night. Sitting round a campfire one is expected to reminisce and cogitate and think for a while about what has gone on through the day before.

Soldiers around a campfire, if they are in action or if they are in the midst of a campaign, as a rule spend the time wondering who will be next, what sacrifices will follow on the morrow. And I doubt not that these fine patriots on this platform and in the audience thought many a time, sitting about a campfire, whether up close to the front line or back possibly in reserve for a few days, every one of these gallant men has often wondered what the morrow held.

Campfire. The scene of meditation and of thought, and the scene of reminiscence. I wondered as I watched these boys join that magnificent parade this morning just what thoughts might be surging through these patriotic minds. I could not help but wonder.

With some of them I had a notion there were shadows of Bull Run and Shiloh, and Harper's Ferry, and Gettysburg, and Chickamauga, and Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, the Wilderness, Sherman's march to the sea, Nashville, Vicksburg—others perhaps—and a thousand skirmishes.

I have watched these fine men as they sat about the hotel lobbies in the last few days and wondered what was going through those glorious minds of theirs. Campfire night.

This morning they marched with Lincoln, marched with the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, I could not help thinking as I saw those fine, glorious chaps fall in line down here at Fourth and Capitol. I wondered if the shade of the Great Emancipator himself was not hovering pretty close, looking down upon the graying heads of those patriots. And I wondered if he did not, at least figuratively, have them more or less by the hand, saying: "Boys, I will go along with you. You still on earth; I belong to the ages. But we are headed for another campfire of memories." I wondered if the shade of Old Abe himself might perhaps not be hovering around, transmitting some such a message.

These gallant soldiers as they fell out of the parade this morning and took their positions on the platform were just across the street from a spot where Abraham Lincoln was notified of his first nomination to the Presidency. They were just a few short blocks from the spot where General Grant started with his troops to the Civil War. They were under the eaves of that sacred old shrine, now our courthouse, then the statehouse in which Abraham Lincoln declared so truthfully that "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

And then I got to thinking ahead into this campfire scene as I saw these fine fellows. I got to thinking about what the America of their day must have seemed like. You know that we Americans were only about 35,000,000 strong in population. Sure, we had the cotton gin and we had the steamboat. We had the railroads. The process of vulcanizing rubber had been discovered. We had the mower and reaper which simplified, to some extent, the harvesting of crops. We had the steam hammer, we had the telegraph, and we had the sewing machine.

And we had something else back in those days, too. We had a degree of rugged honesty that was striking. And let me illustrate what I mean by that. I mean 20 years before the Civil War the then Director of Patents of the United States sent to the then President a letter of resignation. And what do you suppose he gave as his reason? He said: "Mr. President almost everything worth while that can be invented has been invented. Therefore, there is no further need for my job." [Laughter]. Ninety-seven years ago. Rugged honesty. I think that is one reason why these men on either flank here engaged with such rigorous determination in that conflict. Regretful though it may be, but of dire necessity, they said, once and for all. "This Nation is so worth saving we are going to save it." That was the spirit that actuated these boys 80 years ago when that conflict opened.

Our America now contrasted with then! Well, today we have almost four times the population that these men fought for, 130,000,000 people. Since the war we have gotten a trans-Atlantic

cable; we have gotten an air brake, which has contributed so much to human safety; we have gotten a typewriter that makes the art of letter writing much more brief than theretofore; we have got the telephone; we have got electric lights; we have got the airplane; and we have the radio and the automobile; and today it is the United States of America, and just because you boys held it together it has become the only modernized nation on the face of the earth. [Applause.] The only country where there is an average of one radio per family, and an average of some kind of a motor vehicle per family. The only country in which every man, woman, and child can simultaneously take a ride on four wheels. Three-fourths of the automobiles in the world!

How did it happen? Because you men held us together so that we could develop after that critical time.

Seventy-five years ago under the leadership of your Commander in Chief, Abraham Lincoln, you patriots rescued the United States from slavery and disunion. This Republic owes you eternal homage for that job of reformation and preservation. [Applause.] Its appreciation, however, our appreciation will be measured only by the extent to which it guarantees for coming generations the free and united Republic that these men gave us. [Applause.]

Friends, if we are going to let "fifth columnists," either foreign or domestic, and slinking saboteurs undermine our Government, then your heroic sacrifices of the sixties and our American life of the present will have been in vain. My personal thought on the matter, every elected and appointed official and employee of government, Federal, State, and local, ought to be compelled to take an oath, written and oral, with severe penalties for violation attached, that he or she, in addition to exercising fealty to our Constitution, stands squarely in support of our American form of government. [Great applause.] And that neither he nor she is secretly or openly connected or in sympathy with any group, organization, society, or teaching that has for its purpose the eventual overthrow of our Republic. [Applause.]

It is time, if we are going to prove our appreciation of what these boys did, to instill fixed American nationalism. It is time to cull out plotters, particularly those on Government pay rolls. [Applause.] It is time to consign them to the penal oblivion they so richly deserve. [Applause.] If American government and custom are not good enough for radicals, those radicals are not good enough for American protection. [Applause.]

You soldiers of the Civil War showed us the way. It is up to us to follow through. Either we shall pass on this Republic to the coming generations the free, independent, wholesome representative Nation that our forefathers contemplated and that you saved, or both the American Revolution and the Civil War shall have been mockery—both of them.

In my opinion we have one job in the United States today. My campfire thought is this, that we have got to save this country and preserve what we have got. Across the ocean to the east of us wars are raging and dictatorships are thriving. We must needs be for this Nation. These grand men up here did not go to war for the fun of it. They went because the United States was confronted with a crisis 80

years ago and before that. They went because there was a great section of our country—I will not say how honestly they thought it, but they thought that the only way out was to sever this nation at least in two.

And, my friends, let me remind you that there was European intrigue back of the actuating motives of that day just as today. You boys remember that you had some trouble heading off that help that threatened to come up from Mexico to help the Confederates. And what was the purpose of it? Just only to cut this country at least half in two and maybe reduce it to a little bunch of inefficient and impotent Balkans between the Rio Grande and the Canadian border. You men prevented that. We have our clue, we of this generation. Are we going to keep faith? Are we going to let America fail? Yet if we stay united, if we cling to American principles, if we do what you boys told us to do back a few decades ago, we will not fail and we will not lose what we have got, not if Americanism prevails. [Applause.]

I want to close by reading a little personal letter. It was very touching to me when I got it, but it bespoke volumes. I wandered one day about 14 years ago into the office of the then commander in chief of the Grand Army, a man whom many of you knew and loved, our late beloved Uncle John B. Inman here in Springfield. I wandered into his office and I got to talking to him. "Uncle John, don't you reckon that you boys would kind of like to turn over your organization to somebody, somebody who would sort of like to take it over and run it?"

I got an instant exhibition of the kind of spunk that I saw today and a year ago down at Pittsburgh, when some of the boys, by gosh, were going to march whether or no. And they did march. [Applause.] I saw one blessed old veteran down at Pittsburgh pretty near lick a fellow one-fifth of his age. Uncle John Inman looked at me and he said—well, what he said resulted in a request. I said, "Uncle John, will you put that down in writing?" I said, "I would like to preserve that sentiment." He said, "Why, I would be glad to." So on May 28, 1926, I sat off in one corner of the room while Uncle John Inman, then commander in chief of this great organization, penned these words on this letter. This is his handwriting. I treasure that letter. And here is what he said, and to me it symbolizes the Nation we have got today, the Nation you fellows saved, the Nation this generation has got to save if we are going to prove worthy. Here is what Uncle John wrote:

You ask me why we do not wish to amalgamate with any other society. This is my reply. We had no predecessor. We shall have no successor. We know the work we were set to do. We know the task we were given to perform. And we know we performed it. And now as we shall come down through the Valley of the Shadows and out into the everlasting sunshine, we beseech, as did they of old, "Let Thy servants depart in peace."

Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. Comrade Searcy, the applause expresses our great appreciation for your splendid message tonight. It leaves me very humble indeed to say your words will long be remembered and you can feel justly proud and confident by your actions in the past and your address tonight that you have explained to an American audience why we must guard our liberties.

We follow this splendid address with a musical organization that Springfield is justly proud of, the Springfield Municipal Choir, under the direction of E. Carl Lundgren. Their first numbers will be Stephen Foster's songs.

(The choir sang *My Old Kentucky Home*, *Old Black Joe*, and *Swanee River*, receiving hearty applause.)

Chairman HAGLER. At this time it is my privilege to present John W. Fogler, chief of staff, who has something that he would like to say to A. T. Anderson, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chief of Staff FOGLER. When Commander Andrew was mustered out a few short months ago the highest office of our beloved Grand Army passed into your hands. You have done well, and while you did not serve as long as Comrade Andrew, we feel that we should say and do something to show our great appreciation of your services, and I have been entrusted with the work and pleasure of presenting this badge, badge of past commander in chief, to you as a token of our love and affection and respect. [Applause.]

I wish to introduce Dr. Barrett, commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, to pin this badge on you as a token of our love, affection, and respect. It stands for what the Grand Army men stand for, as well as a token of the love of your comrades.

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, I want to say to you that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that badge. I shall wear it over my heart as a precious jewel from the Grand Army of the Republic. There is a degree of sadness at my getting this badge when I am now trying to fill the place of the comrade that was elected to this position. God in His providence did not allow him to finish his work, but I have been permitted to have health and strength enough to come and carry out this work that Comrade Andrew had arranged for this encampment. We hope on tomorrow to close our convention here, and we hope that we can go home with pleasant recollections of our comrades and of the city of Springfield and vicinity. Thank you.

Chairman HAGLER. The time has come when our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are going to talk with us about their service to their country and of their experiences, or do whatever they choose to do. I am going to ask at this time if there is a comrade here that has something to contribute. Someone want to sing, or do you want to dance?

Comrade JOHN SHEARER, Houston, Tex. We want to have a campfire.

Chairman HAGLER. They want to have a campfire and they want the boys to get up. I am going to ask you to come over and start it off.

Comrade SHEARER. I can just do that. It was in the winter of 1863-64 after the fall of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. We were quartered at Huntsville, Ala., the Third Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps, commanded by General Smith, an Illinois man. There were very strict orders in those days in regard to men foraging. If a man was caught foraging it was a serious offense. I was detailed with some other men to go out. I belonged to the Artillery and we were short of food. So we went out to get some

corn. We went out and were gathering the corn, and after we came in the sergeant in charge of the expedition was settling with the folks at the house. While he was inside the comrade who was with me got up on my shoulders and looked through a window. He said, "I believe that is a pantry window. There is something to eat in there." So he got down in this shape and I climbed upon his shoulders and went into the window. I looked around and I saw a roll of butter weighing about 2 pounds. I stuck it in here [indicating] and started to get down to hand it to my comrade. And just about the time that I got the butter the alarm was sounded that Forrest was coming. I knew if I was caught with that butter it was going to be too bad. So I just stuck it in my bosom. We got in line, but it proved to be a false alarm. I just want to tell you I was pretty well greased. We ate that butter just the same.

Chairman HAGLER. I think that is starting the campfire off in good shape. Now, I wonder if Dr. Mennet will sing.

Past Commander in Chief O. H. MENNET (after singing *Tenting Tonight on the Old Campground*). I want to sing for you—it will please you as well as anything—what I have sung for more than 450 families at their funerals. I would like to sing *Taps* tonight as I sing it at my comrades' funerals. Of course I am a little out of breath, and I won't be able to sing it as I used to sing it. I am not very strong today. My voice is a little shaky—not very good. [Singing.]

Chairman HAGLER. I am sure that we all enjoyed Dr. Mennet. At this time we have Comrade Gabrio, who is going to present *The Old Soldier*.

(Comrade A. W. Gabrio, of Hazelton, Pa., gave an original number, which he requested not be published in the proceedings.)

Chairman HAGLER. It is impossible for me to find words to express my feeling. I am simply going to ask Carl Lundgren to give us another selection.

(The Municipal Choir rendered *Rally Round the Flag, When Johnny Comes Marching Home*, and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.)

Chairman HAGLER. We will now have a continuance of the campfire. I wonder if there are any of the comrades here that talked with Lincoln.

Comrade C. J. ROSE, Miami, Fla. Commander, fellow soldiers, and fellow citizens, can you hear me? [Applause.] Speaking about Abraham Lincoln, when I went out into the Army I was but a young boy. We rode from the Western Army over to the Eastern Army in 1864. We rode for 3 days without anything to eat—much. We camped in the Capitol on the south side of a marble step. That was our bed. In the morning early I snatched some coffee up on Pennsylvania Avenue. I was so hungry for coffee that my teeth were all loose. So I started out and went down those steps and tried to get down to the ground. I started out down Pennsylvania Avenue. I could smell coffee, but I could not see it. I met a tall man with a black hat on, a black hat and a long coat, walking along the street. He says, "Hello, son, where are you going?" It was Lincoln, who got up early in the morning and took his morning walk before breakfast.

Can you hear me? If you can't, I will go up on another key. Lincoln said: "Hello, son, where are you going?" I said, "I am

going for some coffee." He said, "You are a soldier, I see." I says, "Yes, sir." How about this thing here [microphone]? It is a piece of machinery. Well he says, "Sonny, I see you are a soldier." I says, "Yes, sir." "Have you got a father and mother?" I says, "Yes, and six brothers in the Army." He said, "That is pretty good." He said, "Will you promise me one thing? Will you promise to write home to your mother and father as often as you can?" I says, "Yes." I says, "Who are you?" He says, "I am Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States." Well, I felt so small. Oh, I was away down here. I thought all the time he was going to send me back home, but he didn't.

But in speaking, I want to tell you a little story that happened during the war of the greatest battle that was ever fought in America with the greatest army that ever was, the best drilled army, almost 200,000 men, the greatest battle that was ever fought without taking one drop of blood or destroying one dollar's worth of property. Did you ever hear of it? Well, it was at Appomattox.

Grant had surrounded Lee's army and had cut off all resources. For 7 days Lee was without provisions, and on the eighth day of April in 1865 was the day set for the great battle that was to be fought there. Grant had his army, 125,000 men, the best drilled in the East, surrounding Lee. Lee's men were deserting and coming in to be paroled and sent home by the thousands. Lee wrote a letter to Jeff Davis and asked to surrender. Jeff Davis said: "No. Cut your way out. Find a weak place in Grant's army and cut your way through."

Grant called all his headquarters officers in and told them what positions they were to occupy on the seventh. This was the evening of the seventh, and on the eighth was the great battle to be fought. He clearly gave them the positions of that great battle. Pretty soon Abraham Lincoln came from the White House, landing as near as he could. He knew what the great battle was and he wanted to get the word after the battle was over. Grant was sitting with his headquarters officers all around there. Lincoln had said to Grant, "For God's sake inform Lee of the condition of his army and ask him to surrender without any more bloodshed or destruction of property. There are a thousand pieces of artillery lying ready to open up upon the breastworks, cavalry and infantry are all surrounding ready to march." Sheridan and Custer, two of the greatest cavalry generals in the war, said, "No. Let's go on with the fight. We are all ready for it."

Grant said, "I take no orders from anybody only my superior. The duty of a soldier is to obey his superior. Lincoln is my Commander in Chief." So he sat down and wrote a letter to Lee, and sent Lincoln's letter with it, asking surrender, shed no more blood, destroy no more property.

While they were sitting there awaiting a reply—the messenger had several miles to go. He had to deliver that letter to Lee under a flag of truce, and he had to travel about 15 miles. While they were waiting there Grant got a letter from Stanton. He never liked Secretary Stanton because Stanton thought he was Commander in Chief of the Army. He said: "Grant, look out for your Army. It is full of spies. Spying is treason, and the penalty of treason is death.

Hang them as fast as you get them. They are trying to find a weak place in your Army by which they can get through." He threw that in the wastebasket.

It wasn't but a few minutes until in came the officer of the day. He said, "Commander, two spies have been found upon the inner court." He said, "Bring them in. Bring them in." They tried them, and come to find out it was two women dressed in rebel uniform with messages on their arm. They were into the inner camp. They were spies. They didn't say much. I wish these fellows would let me alone, even if they do know more about this story than I do.

Grant said, "Before we pronounce judgment upon these two women has anybody got anything to say?" Not a word was said. He spoke again. Not a word. Just then his major, Major Rathbone, came walking in through the group and took his seat at the far end of the court martial. He eyed them closely. When Grant made the third announcement he said, "General, I have a few words to say in defense of these two women. I have been listening to this conversation, and my mind has been wandering back to a scene of long ago at Five Forks. I see two men in deadly conflict, and one lies——"

Chairman HAGLER. Two more minutes.

Comrade ROSE. The other rode away, leaving him there to die. A comrade quickly staunched the blood running from his wounds, carried him to a safe place of retreat and nursed him to life again. I was that stricken man. But for that succor I would not be here to tell you the story, but would be lying beneath the sod of that battlefield. I urge for these noble women that we exemplify the principles of the American soldier—friendship, charity, and loyalty.

Chairman HAGLER. Last Monday evening during the program we had a veteran ask for a roll call, and I promised him we would have it tonight at the campfire. Is the veteran here who can call the roll of his company? This is Comrade Martin J. Warner, from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Comrade WARNER. Well, I will tell you. I was a kid when I went into the war 75 years ago this fall. I was mustered out and paid off here in Springfield and I have never been back here since. I want to tell you now that I am going to call the roll of Company H, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry.

Andrews first, Andrews second, Andrews third, Andrews fourth, Abbott, Arnold, Blissman, Boltman, Bariball, Bederman, Boneer, Bankert, Bond first, Bond second, Cavanagh, Corkins, Dewberry, Decker, Dunn, Dunavan, Dissler, Earle, Fry, Grumbine, Hoagland, Haines, Hax, Kethlin, Ketcham, Kurasser, Land, Lott, Lyon, Ledstrum, McCahey, McMaster, Morgan, Miner Morris, Price, Rippey, Ryan, Rutby, Redder, Rake, Robinson, Rhinehart, Sharlow, Smith first, Smith second, Scott, Sanger, Towers, Voltman, Weikle, Warner, Wernicke first, Wernicke second, Walker, Wenkland, Young.

[Applause.]

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Chicago, Ill. I have been asked to tell you a little reminiscence of a private soldier of my regiment. His name was Pat Shields. He was one of those Irishmen that was always prominent in his actions and his words, so much so that everybody would know who Pat Shields was. When they stuck us out in the wild and woolly West in what was then pretty near the Indian nation he married the first woman that he met. When we went on he married another, and so on. We were 2 years in that part of the world

where we never heard a whistle blow. I was about to say we never saw a woman, but we did, for 18 months. We never heard a bell ring or a whistle blow, 10,000 of us. Pat Shields was one of them. But he managed to find women to marry. When we went to reinforce Vicksburg after a 2-year battle Pat Shields was with us. We went up to Yazoo City and stopped in front of a planter's house. Pat stuck his bayonet in the ground and leaned on the butt of his musket. Something grated kind of harshly and Pat commenced to dig up the dirt. Pretty soon he struck a pot of gold, truly a pot of gold.

He went into the house and he said, "I will marry the woman of this house and give her a pot of gold if she will marry me." It is a fact, she consented and he married her. That ended Pat's marriages after about 35 on the string.

So after we left Vicksburg Pat went and applied for a furlough. He went to the colonel of the regiment. He says, "Colonel, my wife is suffering and very anxious to see me." "Well," he says, "which one, Pat?" "Oh," he says, "my real wife." He says, "The one that owns the plantation. She is suffering and wants to see me." The colonel says, "She don't need you, Pat. Why don't you go to some of the other wives that need you?" "Oh," he says, "the other wives can take care of themselves. Some fellow has got them." "Well," he said, "Pat, I will give you a furlough on these conditions, that you report back here every night while we are in Vicksburg." Pat agreed very well, but he failed to report the first night so a guard was sent out after him. The guard said to him, "You are wanted at headquarters according to your contract on your furlough." "Well," he says, "my wife is so sick and so disturbed in her mind about her financial affairs that I can't leave her." "Well," says the guard to him, "you are under arrest and we will have to take you back. That is our orders." Pat said, "All right. You will take me back, but," he says, "you will take this whole plantation and my wife with me, because she has a deed to the whole affair." So the guard says, "Well, we will call for you in the morning. That is the best we can do." And they reported back and the colonel says, "I will make out a discharge for Pat and let him live in peace because he is burdened with 35 wives."

Chairman HAGLER. I am informed by someone in the audience that Comrade O. S. Pierce was a corporal in charge of the placing of the guard at Lincoln's bier right here in the old capitol at Springfield. I wonder if Comrade Pierce would come forward. Also sitting next to him is his department commander in Minnesota.

Chaplain in Chief JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo. I was in the Army a little while after peace was declared. They took our regiment and divided us up and sent companies all over the South to gather up the Government stuff. When we were mustered out at Little Rock, Ark., we went to Davenport, Iowa, and the regiment got together to get our discharges and pay. And there wasn't but very few of us in my company. I called the roll, and I have never forgot it. It is deep down in my heart. I remember the boys well. I am going to call it now:

Abram, Abbott, Brown, Burton, Blair, Cooley, Denny, Grain, Ellsworth, Felton, Garrett, Groves, Graves, Gardiner, Kelly, Lamb, LeFevre, Lewis, Luther, Logan, Lamar, Marcelle, Meyers, Nichol, Otis, Owens, Pearce, Price, Pilmer, Throckmorton, Talbert, Tilton, Wade, Wilcox, Warden, Wescott, Wright.

The rest were all dead. Thank you.

Chairman HAGLER. I have another comrade I wish to introduce to you, Comrade Sam Snow, of Massachusetts.

Comrade SNOW. I was in Washington in the Civil War. I went through eight battles, and after I was wounded I was stationed in Washington. I attended his inauguration. I saw him kiss the Bible. And he rode within 6 feet of me when he went to the White House. The night he was assassinated—General Grant—I was his escort—they turned out 30 men and a sergeant to escort General Grant to the White House. General Grant and his wife went out on a six o'clock train the day before to Philadelphia. He returned the next morning at 8 o'clock, when the President made a mistake in the trains and remained at the Capital. I passed through and viewed the remains when he was there at Washington. I was one of the guards at the funeral. I thank you.

Chairman HAGLER. I want to introduce Comrade T. B. Williams, past department commander of Kansas, who has something to say to you.

Comrade WILLIAMS. My friends, my war record. I tried hard enough to get in when I was 13 years old in this State, in the One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Infantry. They brought me down as far as Springfield. The mustering officer said, "Boy, I believe your mother needs you worse than Uncle Sam does." So he sent me home. I was quite disappointed. I had two brothers and a stepfather in the Forty-sixth Illinois and two brothers in the One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois, and I was bound to go. So the next spring I got a lieutenant of my company to write a permit and sign my mother's name to it. By doing that I got in while I was under 14. My war record is limited because it was not long until the war closed. I showed my good will. I wanted to serve.

I want to say that a comrade is one who is willing to share with you the hardships and calamities of life as well as the joys and exaltations; one, though the way may be dark and lonely, is ready and willing to give kindly greetings and a helping hand.

I would like to give you the Bible history of the United States flag. Its blue represents the sky above us. Its stars represent the stars that the wise men saw on the way to the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. Its stripes represent the stripes He received before His crucifixion. Its red represents the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for sinners. Its white represents the Holy Ghost appearing to the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.

And now a word to these auxiliaries. In the beginning you pledged yourselves to a worthy purpose, a divine calling before God to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic in perpetuating the memory of their heroic dead; to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans and to cherish and emulate the deeds of our Army nurses. How well you have done this the whole world bows in humble recognition and acknowledgment. Throughout every hamlet and district, along busy streets or silent lanes, monuments are erected in living loving hearts extolling your kindly ministrations.

Not like we of the Grand Army of the Republic, your number grows larger and your steps more stable. But your heart beats just

as warmly, your devotion is just as keen as it was in the earlier days when you conceived and executed this noble purpose. By virtue of your intelligence, patriotism, and sense of responsibility imposed upon you from time to time; because of your obligations and vow of fealty that in a large measure helped to heal and bind up the dreadful wounds left by that fearful struggle which almost tore our Nation asunder, you have ever proven faithful. You have kept the faith.

I come to you tonight bearing the olive bough of victory. I place it tenderly on your brow, for you have been faithful, loyal, and just throughout all the passing years. You have marked a highway that the wives, mothers, and daughters of oncoming generations may well follow.

Throughout the changing years there has been one thing that has stood out unchanged, the Stars and Stripes, the emblem of our unity and perpetuity. Back of it, enmeshed in every thread and crease and fold, is our beloved Constitution the bulwark of our liberties. It was for this and because of this you were banded together, it was for this and by this you took your vow of allegiance, with your hand on the Sacred Book and your brow bared before heaven you solemnly swore that you would forever remember and never forget those who were in that great war that our Union might be preserved. Would to God that our children and our children's children could catch the inspiration of that beautiful scene, for there is just as strong a call, just as urgent a need today, as it was in your day, that we love, honor, and cherish the sacred flag and all for which it stands. My hope and prayer is that the children of today may catch the matchless beauty of its blending red, white, and blue and dedicate their lives to it and may again, as never before, pledge their allegiance to it.

Kindly deeds and noble purposes are not measured by years, but they run on and on through the whole scheme of life as a silken thread binding them together through an eternity. The things you did of a yesterday have blossomed and gone into the fruitage of golden apples of honor, stability, and character, and you women who have stood by the Boys in Blue are just as closely knit to them today, although they may be in the realms of glory enjoying a deserved reward. I thank you.

Chairman HAGLER. Thank you, Comrade. Next on the program is a comrade I know pretty well. I think he is one of the prize hitchhikers in the United States. He lives out about 7 miles from Springfield and he hitchhikes into town now and then, and sometimes we have to get the sheriff to take him home. I would like to present my friend and comrade, the present commander of the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Hiram H. Shumate.

Comrade SHUMATE. Mr. Chairman. I must explain that. I live out about 7 miles east of town, and a while back I came in to see the mayor. He was reported busy at the time, and I did not get to see him until after 12 o'clock. So he took me down to the Leland to get my dinner, and after that he asked me where I was going and what I wanted to do. I told him, and he said, "When you get

ready to go home call me up and I will see that you get home." I thought it was kind of a joke, but when I got ready I called him up. He said, "I will be right down." He called the police and a police car with two policemen came down and took me home.

That was not the worst of it. My wife is a kind of an excitable lady. When she saw us she said, "My God, what's he done?" [Laughter.]

I want to tell you a story of my old commander in chief who passed away. There is too much solemnity in our campfires anyway. What we go there for is to have a good time, and I am going to tell you a story now that he used to tell of a minister who was going to another town to hold a service. He said to a boy he met, "Can you tell me the way to the post office?" The boy said that he could and he did, and then the minister asked him to come to the service and he would show him the way to God. The boy said, "Humph! You don't even know the way to the post office!"

Chairman HAGLER. I am ordered by the national commander of the G. A. R. that we shall have one song, The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground, by one of the comrades, and then we shall proceed to close the program.

Past Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET. A year ago last July 25, I left the hospital weighing 125 pounds. I never expected 2 months ago I would be at this encampment. I do not think I have tried to sing this song since then. [Singing the selection.]

Chairman HAGLER. I do feel before we close this program that we should ask the Commander in Chief of the G. A. R. to stand, that you might know him. Commander, will you stand?

Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, we had a little Irishman in our company. He liked applejack. You know they had a heap of applejack down there. And he had no money. He went up to a lady that had a stand that sold it. And she had some cookies. He asked her if she would give him a drink for a dime. She said she would. Then he asked her if she would give him a dime's worth of cookies. She said, "Certainly." She laid them out on the counter. "Now," he says, "lady, would you please take them back and trade with me for a drink of applejack in place of the cookies?" "Yes," she said she would. He drank the applejack and started away. She said, "Hold on, boy, you didn't pay me for the cookies." "Well, I traded them back to you," he says, "for the applejack." "Well, you didn't pay for the applejack." "Well, I traded you the cookies." So he got his drink of applejack.

So I think we better adjourn this thing because we might get into trouble here if we carry this on much longer. Some of the boys are getting noisy back there. So we thank you for the great commendation we have received in your city and we will all go home with pleasant recollections of Springfield, Ill. [Applause.]

Chairman HAGLER. It has been a pleasure to have you all with us. At this time will the audience please stand while the benediction is pronounced by the Rev. William H. Hudnut, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, the church in which our Great Emancipator worshiped, after which please remain standing while the United States Marine Band sounds Taps.

Rev. Mr. HUDNUT. Let us all bow our heads. Eternal Father, we thank Thee for these men, the last living representatives of a great cause. Help us to appreciate them and all for which they stand. And help each one of us to be true and loyal through and through to the principles for which they fought. And now may the Lord bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and grant you peace and courage and a quiet mind. In Christ's name. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.) (10:30 p. m.)

THE GRAND PARADE

The following accounts of the parade held on Wednesday, September 11, 1940, are taken from the Springfield newspapers:

[From the Illinois State Journal, September 11, 1940]

G. A. R. PARADES—CITY ROARS HOMAGE TO HEROES

Nineteen veterans of the Civil War, marching to the music of fife and drum corps playing airs which led them into the historic battles of Gettysburg, Shiloh, and Antietam, today gave Springfield one of the greatest thrills in its long history.

Of the 106 veterans attending the Grand Army of the Republic's seventy-fourth national encampment, 80 took part in the hour-and-a-half parade through the downtown district, most of them in automobiles. Only two Illinois men, C. H. Collins, 95, Decatur, and Albert C. Gage, Chicago, marched.

The little band of 19 marching under their States' standards, walked with feeble steps in most instances, but their heads were high and cigars most of them were smoking were pointed skyward at a jaunty angle. A few executed some dance steps to break the monotony of marching. Not one of them dropped out of the line of march.

Activities in the city halted completely as crowds lined the eight blocks of the route and gave the "boys" a tremendous ovation as they passed. Windows in office buildings were packed with heads as offices stopped work completely to honor the Union's defenders.

Veterans left the parade at the reviewing stand along the east side of the square and were escorted to seats where they watched a colorful line of military and patriotic organizations, bands, fife and drum corps, drum and bugle corps pass in review.

In the shade of buildings on the east side of Sixth Street and with the cold winds of a premature fall day whipping about them, some of the veterans became too chilled to remain for the entire parade and returned by automobile to their hotels.

The great majority remained for the entire ceremony and one of the last to leave the reviewing stand was 103-year-old Henry Mack, Minneapolis, Minn., colored veteran who is the oldest G. A. R. member attending the encampment.

Kentucky's lone Civil War veteran in the parade was R. R. Graham, 95, Madisonville. His son, Richard, carried the flag of Kentucky while Chester C. Holstner, Louisville, carried Old Glory.

Holstner, a former newspaperman, has been attending Grand Army encampments since 1925. "I was to have come to Springfield with M. H. Davidson, quartermaster general of the G. A. R., from Louisville," said Holstner, "but last Thursday, 2 days before we were to leave, Mr. Davidson died. He was 94 years old."

"I have enjoyed attending the encampments," Holstner added, "but I believe this will be my last one." For 9 years Holstner was superintendent of the Buffalo Commercial newspaper plant at Buffalo, N. Y.

The veterans' return to their hotels at the conclusion of the parade was delayed by an unruly crowd of curious persons and camera fans who jammed the exits of the reviewing stand and crowded into the center of the street, hampering the progress of the veterans' automobiles.

Several hundred persons lined along Sixth Street between Monroe Street and Capitol Avenue were disappointed in their efforts to see the parade as only a small group of the military units continued in the route to the appointed falling out spot. Other groups broke formation at Sixth and Monroe Streets or before reaching that point.

[From the Illinois State Register, September 11, 1940]

THOUSANDS WATCH VETERANS MARCH

The roll of drums and shrill notes of the fife echoed through Springfield streets, mingled with the stately slow tread of "the boys in blue" of Civil War days today as the Grand Army of the Republic held its parade as a highlight of the annual G. A. R. national encampment.

Modern bands, including the United States Marine Band, Springfield Municipal Band, and Springfield Colored Municipal Band marched in the parade, but it was the fife and drum which thrilled the G. A. R. members and which brought back to them keen remembrances of days on the field of battle.

Twenty-two of the aged Grand Army men proudly stepped to the strains of the music for the full length of the parade, waving to the citizens who cheered as they marched. Most of the veterans of the Civil War kept step better than veterans of later wars, or their sons.

None of the G. A. R. faltered along the way and all were well pleased at their record at the end of the march. The only marcher who failed to complete the journey was George G. Byram, 74, of Des Moines, Iowa, a son of a Union Veteran, whose task of carrying the Iowa State standard proved a little too much. He was given first aid a block before he reached the reviewing stand.

Seventy-two Grand Army men rode in automobiles in the parade, including Hiram Shumate, 91, Riverton, State commander of the G. A. R. in Illinois; Elijah Jones, 98; and John Billington, 93, members of Stephenson post, Springfield. C. R. Davis, 96, Springfield's fourth Civil War veteran, was unable to be out because of a bad cold, his first in 2 years, but he listened to a broadcast of events by radio. He was dressed to join the parade but at the last moment decided he was unable to face the task. It was Mr. Jones' first trip from his home since Memorial Day.

First-aid shelters were set up at frequent intervals along the way, and a tent with cots was at Sixth and Adams Streets, near the reviewing stand, but they were not needed except to treat numerous persons who were bruised or scratched in falls from chairs or jostled in attempting to witness the parade.

Libbie Bailey, 44, of 1024½ East Washington Street, suffered a heart attack while watching the parade at Sixth and Washington Streets and was taken to St. John's Hospital in a police ambulance.

The only women moving in the parade were those who were members of drum corps, others being barred by Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson and G. A. R. regulations.

Spectators hung from windows, fire escapes, and every point of vantage along the way, while stores virtually closed their doors to permit clerks and officials to witness the spectacle.

The only Illinois G. A. R. veteran able to march in the parade was C. H. Collins, 95, of Decatur, who enlisted with an Iowa company.

Standards of each of the States were carried by Boy Scouts and others, but behind some of them there was no Grand Army comrade, the last man having died.

The parade formed at Fourth Street and Capitol Avenue, moved east to Fifth Street, north to Washington Street, east to Sixth Street and south to Capitol Avenue again.

VETERANS DROP OUT

The G. A. R. comrades marched only to Sixth and Adams Streets, where they rested after passing in review before Commander Anderson and others on the large stand midway along the courthouse square between Adams and Washington Streets.

Public and parochial schools were dismissed for the morning and large groups of children joined their elders to cheer the march along the curbs. Downtown streets were packed with the largest crowd seen in years and citizens watched what was probably the last march of the G. A. R. in Springfield. Many of the Grand Army men came for the encampment mainly to "march in the home town of our commander, Abraham Lincoln."

The comrades had places in the Central Baptist Church while they awaited for the parade to form at Fourth Street and Capitol Avenue.

The parade was led by uniformed State and city police on motorcycles, the official escort. Then came the grand marshal, Col. John M. Tipton, and his assistants, Oscar Carlstrom, past commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, and Edward Hayes, past commander in chief of the American Legion.

Next were the aides, Samuel N. Wright and Charles N. Neal, past department commanders of the United Spanish War Veterans; Mayor John W. Kapp; Maj. Ernest Millman, of the Salvation Army; and Lawrence W. Taylor, assistant chief of State police.

Following were the liaison officers, Harvey W. Flock, senior vice commander of the Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans, with members of the organization; the United States Marine Band, led by Capt. William H. Santelman; Chief of Staff John W. Fogler, Skowhegan, Wis.; uniformed members of the Sons of Union Veterans, commanded by Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Huntington Park, Calif., as official escorts; the National Association of Civil War Musicians; the Drummer Boys of the Civil War; Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson, Washington, Pa., of the G. A. R.; and members of the Grand Army on foot and in automobiles.

The army men moved by departments, in the order of formation. At the head of each was the State standard.

REVIEW GRAND ARMY

A 10-minute break in the movement was given to permit a review of the Grand Army. Then came the modern military sections.

The first division was commanded by Maj. Mark Plaisted of the Twenty-third Reconnaissance Squadron and included the Springfield Municipal Band; Company C of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Infantry, Springfield; Troops A and B of the Twenty-third Reconnaissance Squadron, Illinois National Guard; the Veterans' band from the Jacksonville State Hospital, and Battery E, One Hundred and Twenty-third Field Artillery, East St. Louis.

The second division, including the Federation of War Veterans Societies, was under J. P. Dunn, as marshal. It included the Springfield Colored Municipal Band; fife and drum corps, Lincoln Home Camp No. 64, United Spanish War Veterans; Lincoln Home Camp; Robert Blakeman Camp, United Spanish War Veterans; LaFore Lock Post, No. 755, drum and bugle corps, Veterans of Foreign Wars; LaFore Lock Post; Springfield Post No. 32, American Legion; Otis B. Duncan Post, American Legion; Sons of Union Veterans not otherwise assigned; Sons of United Spanish War Veterans; Sons of Veterans of Foreign Wars; Sons of American Legion; and the Navy Club.

[Editorial, Illinois State Register, September 11, 1940]

GRAND ARMY ON PARADE

There will never be another day like this in Springfield. It is epochal. It has written a chapter in history which will rival in golden words the glory of that lustrous page which tells of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic three-quarters of a century ago.

In many respects this is the greatest day in the record of achievements of this greatest of all patriotic bodies.

The "Boys in Blue" have marched through the streets of Springfield as a dramatic climax to the present national encampment, which they themselves acknowledge is the last time they will walk together through the streets where the shades of Lincoln walk—of the city where rest the remains of their former President and Commander in Chief—Abraham Lincoln!

More articulate even than the drum beats, as those gallant veterans, ranging in age from 85 to more than 100, struggled through the streets, bravely facing the impediments of time, were the heartbeats of thousands upon thousands who tearfully looked on with reverence and a deep renewal of sincere patriotism.

Well was the spirit of this occasion illustrated by the centenarian who braced himself as best he could when asked if he was going to march today and exclaimed, as he brought his heels together and saluted with a renewal of his fighting ardor of three-quarters of a century ago:

"I'll march if I drop dead in the streets of the home of the great Abraham Lincoln under whom I served and whose memory I love!"

That tells the dramatic story which will live until death in the minds and hearts of all who witnessed this drama of the ages today. It may well be judged the greatest day in the history of the Grand Army because it has honored not the surviving few but the departed many—all who have gone to the bivouac of the dead.

This last grand encampment march through the streets of Springfield is a national tribute to the dead, as well as to the living. It has written a lesson in patriotism and Americanism in the hearts, not alone of those who witnessed it, but of the millions of men, women, and children throughout the length and breadth of the land who will read about it and see it pictured in the press, upon the screen, and wherever patriotism lifts its face to Almighty God in thanks for the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary bodies who have honored Springfield with their presence this week.

[Editorial, Illinois State Journal, September 12, 1940]

GRAND ARMY ON PARADE

Yesterday the Grand Army of the Republic paraded for a few blocks through downtown Springfield. A handful of the veterans stubbornly marched on foot. Two—they must have been young boys when they went away to war—cut a few capers. Most of them rode in cars.

The parade lasted almost an hour, but the veterans themselves could have passed by the reviewing stand in a few minutes. They were the remnant of the rear guard of a mighty host that has marched on. Of what once was the greatest armed force in the world, only these are left.

Few in number, yet how strong in spirit! Poor in ostentation, yet how rich in achievement. Short in breath and with flagging steps, but how long—more than threescore years and ten—in memories!

They have marched through the streets of Springfield, probably for the last time, and those who by their presence paid honor to these heroes will never forget the privilege of seeing the Grand Army on parade again.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Room 316, State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., October 1, 1939.

I. Having been elected commander in chief by the seventy-third national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and installed, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in room 316, State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.

Quartermaster general: M. H. Davidson, Louisville, Ky.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

JOHN E. ANDREW, *Commander in Chief.*

GENERAL ORDERS
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

316 State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., November 10, 1939.

I. At the seventy-third national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 27-September 1, 1938, the following-named comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief: John E. Andrew, Quincy, Ill.

Senior vice commander in chief: A. T. Anderson, Washington, Pa.

Junior vice commander in chief: W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.

Surgeon general: Dr. Edward H. Cowan, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Chaplain in chief: Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, Denver, Colo.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: Alfred N. Oliver, Birmingham, Ala.

Arkansas: J. M. Bryant, Little Rock, Ark.

California and Nevada: Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming: James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Connecticut: Lewis L. Baker, New London, Conn.

Delaware: Thomas Hammonds, Cheswold, Del.

Florida: C. J. Rose, Miami, Fla.

Idaho: Albert C. Jones, Boise, Idaho.

Illinois: Arthur Dawson, Oak Park, Ill.

Indiana: Joseph B. Henninger, Indianapolis, Ind.

Iowa: T. J. Noll, Des Moines, Iowa.

Kansas: A. O. Gere, Stafford, Kans.

Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville, Ky.

Louisiana and Mississippi:

Maine: John W. Folger, Skowhegan, Maine.

Maryland:

Massachusetts: George W. Green, Boston, Mass.

Michigan: Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Minnesota: W. C. Fisher, St. Paul, Minn.

Missouri: C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo.

Montana: George I. Reiche, Helena, Mont.

Nebraska: A. F. Rexroad, Omaha, Nebr.

New Hampshire: Lyman E. Butterfield, Manchester, N. H.

New Jersey: William H. McCoy, Trenton, N. J.

New York: Thomas H. Stritch, Brooklyn, N. Y.

North Dakota: D. G. Duell, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Ohio: Sol Zarbaugh, Toledo, Ohio.

Oklahoma: G. I. Gordon, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Oregon: T. A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.

Pennsylvania:

Potomac: William F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C.

Rhode Island: Charles H. Bullock, East Providence, R. I.

South Dakota: Levi Van Voorhis, Huron, S. Dak.

Texas: John Shearer, Houston, Tex.

Utah: Ira Stormes, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Vermont: Charles Heyer, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Virginia and North Carolina: Charles Grandy, Norfolk, Va.

Washington and Alaska: D. A. Reams, Seattle, Wash.

West Virginia: A. T. McMurray, Washington, W. Va.

Wisconsin: W. P. Bryant, Milwaukee, Wis.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief are announced:

Adjutant general: Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.

Quartermaster general: M. H. Davidson, Louisville, Ky.

Judge advocate general: James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.

Inspector general: Orrin S. Pierce, Minneapolis, Minn.

National patriotic instructor: Dr. John H. Stone, Kokomo, Ind.

Assistant adjutant general: J. S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.

Chief of staff: John W. Fogler, Skowhegan, Maine.

Senior aide-de-camp: W. P. Bryant, Milwaukee, Wis.

III. The executive committee will consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and three comrades appointed from the department representatives on the national council of administration. The following-named comrades are appointed members of the executive committee to serve with the officers named:

Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Sol Zarbaugh, Toledo, Ohio.

George W. Green, Boston, Mass.

IV. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in room 316, State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. Comrade Robert M. Rownd was elected trustee of the permanent fund for 3 years; Comrade A. C. Estabrook was elected trustee for 2 years and Comrade W. W. Nixon for 1 year to fill unexpired terms. The trustees met September 1 and elected Robert M. Rownd treasurer of the permanent fund.

VI. The seventy-fourth national encampment will meet in Springfield, Ill., the date to be announced in future general orders.

VII. All requisitions for supplies with remittances therefor, must be sent to the quartermaster general, M. H. Davidson, care of Memorial Hall, 85 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to the quartermaster general, G. A. R. Do not send stamps.

VIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, with a brief sketch of their military and Grand Army service for publication in general orders.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward to national headquarters immediately after the receipt of these orders, the department roster, the journal of the last department encampment, if not already sent, and all general orders issued during the year.

X. Department commanders will forward to these headquarters the names of comrades whom they wish to recommend for appointment as aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. They are requested to give the full name of each comrade recommended, post number, and postoffice address, so that the notice of appointment may be sent him promptly.

XI. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send to the chaplain in chief, Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, 1130 South Grant Street, Denver, Colo., the name and address of the department chaplain and to the national patriotic instructor, Dr. John H. Stone, 421 Mulberry Street, Kokomo, Ind., the name and address of the department patriotic instructor.

XII. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in

chief, who will ask the judge advocate general for an opinion. This opinion, to be official, must have the approval of the commander in chief, who, if he approves, will so render his decision.

XIII. The commander in chief plans to visit department encampments insofar as his health and time will allow and assistant adjutants general are asked to notify him of the location of department encampments and dates, as soon as possible.

XIV. The national council of administration at its meeting in the William Penn Hotel on Monday, August 28, considered the financial condition of the order, and after lengthy discussion decided that we should not place the burden of support of our organization entirely on our auxiliary and allied organizations but should assume some of the responsibilities ourselves. It was then unanimously voted to recommend to the national encampment that the per capita tax should be increased from 2 cents to \$1 a member. When the recommendation was presented to the encampment, Commander in Chief Rownd took the utmost care to see that all members understood the resolution before them for action, saying, "I want to hear from those comrades whose sentiments are adverse to the resolution which has just been presented." No objections were offered and the resolution was unanimously adopted by the encampment. Posts will, therefore, in remitting their department per capita tax with post reports, include the additional \$1 for each member.

XV. Department commanders and assistant adjutants general are reminded to forward their reports, Forms C, for the term ending December 31, 1939, with per capita tax (\$1 for each member) not later than February 1, 1940. Forms C will be mailed to assistant adjutants general in December. These reports must be signed by the officers and not by the secretary. Checks or money orders should be made payable to quartermaster general, Grand Army of the Republic, but must be sent with Form C to Thomas Ambrose, adjutant general, Grand Army of the Republic, 316 State Capitol, Springfield, Ill. Comrades at large who have not paid their dues for 1939 should send \$1 to the adjutant general before January 1.

XVI. The committee on rules and regulations recommended that chapter IV, article VIII, section 3, paragraph 2, be amended to provide that "not more than \$2,000 shall be paid to the quartermaster general from the total funds of the permanent fund during the fiscal year, 1939-1940," and this amendment was adopted by the encampment. It is hoped that with the increase in per capita tax and the same generous support from our auxiliary and allied orders it will not be necessary to transfer this amount this year.

XVII. At the semiofficial meeting on Monday evening, August 28, the national encampment received the following gifts to help us carry on this year: Woman's Relief Corps, \$1,000; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, \$1,000; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$1,000; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$250; and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$500. For this generous help we extend our deepest appreciation and feel confident that this same generous support will be given us for the remaining years of our existence as an organization.

XVIII. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"1. Whereas our rapidly diminishing numbers admonish us of the advisability of establishing a permanent headquarters home in some centrally located place for the Grand Army of the Republic instead of meeting at a different place from year to year: Be it

Resolved, That a ways and means committee of five be appointed to investigate the feasibility of securing such headquarters home and make report of their findings and suggestions at the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Springfield, Ill., in 1940.

"2. Whereas, according to the Atlanta Journal of June 18 last, there has been formed by citizens of the Third Congressional District of Georgia the Andersonville Memorial Association which is seeking to effect two things at the Andersonville National Cemetery and Prison Park now under the control of the War Department, namely:

"First, that the national cemetery be converted (without altering any of its present memorials) into a great garden of azaleas, camelias, and magnolias; and, second, that there be erected some sort of monument—perhaps a 'temple' of peace and concord—on which an impartial and authentic statement of the facts shall be inscribed," and

"Whereas southern sympathizers have uniformly and successfully opposed a peace monument at Appomattox, where such memorial should be erected, if anywhere, and

"Whereas it is the custom of civilized countries to leave inviolate the last resting place of the dead; and

"Whereas the many who are buried in Andersonville Cemetery died of disease and starvation caused by Confederate cruelty: Be it

"Resolved, That, in the name of the thousands of Union soldiers, prisoners of war, who suffered martyrdom at Andersonville, we protest against the intrusion of any temple, monument, marker or other "memorial" in the Andersonville National Cemetery sponsored by Southern sympathizers; and

"We further protest against any scheme to turn the last resting place of our honored dead into a garden through which the present day southern sympathizers hope, by a show of flowers, to mask the cruelties committed there, and to drug the memories of coming generations into forgetfulness of the martyrdom suffered by Union soldiers in the Andersonville prison pen.

"Resolved, That copies of this protest be sent to the War Department and to Members of Congress should legislation be sought for this unseemly scheme.

"3. Whereas it is announced in the public press that the moving picture, *Gone With the Wind*, is to be shown in November, and that one representing a Union soldier, wearing the uniform of our country, is to be depicted as a hideous 'marauder, attacking women'; and

"Whereas it is further announced that Atlanta is to be pictured as being destroyed by General Sherman and being fired while citizens were still fleeing from the city; and

"Whereas the records of the Civil War show that the citizens had been humanely removed from Atlanta long before any destruction was wrought; and

"Whereas the records further show that only that which was of military value was destroyed by Sherman's orders in Atlanta, and that his orders to protect other property from destruction were so efficiently carried out that the rebels were able to reoccupy the city after Sherman moved on; and

"Whereas much destruction wrought upon Confederates was committed by Confederates and now attributed to Sherman; and

"Whereas the record of the Union soldiers in the Civil War is one of chivalry toward women instead of bestiality; and

"Whereas all military destruction wrought by Sherman's orders was for the purpose of aiding in the preservation of the Union and of putting down the rebellion; and

"Whereas any offensive presentation of a defender of the Union, wearing the uniform of our Nation, is injurious to our country: Be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic at its seventy-third annual encampment protests against the false and injurious presentation of the Union soldier as bestial and against the misrepresentation of the burning of Atlanta; and be it further

"Resolved, That members of our organization be urged to absent themselves from any theater picturing this defamatory film; and that movie censors where the film is to be presented be asked to forbid the presentation, because such presentation is an affront to all who wear our country's uniform, and would create disrespect for our Nation and its defenders; be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this protest be sent to Selznick International Studios, producers of the film; to Will H. Hays, president, Motion Picture Producers; to Fanning Hearon, Commissioner of Motion Pictures, Department of the Interior; and to Dr. George W. Kirchwey, chairman, National Board of Reviews of Motion Pictures.

"4. Whereas the Robert E. Lee Memorial Sword of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was presented this year for the ninth time to a cadet at West Point, and a portrait of Robert E. Lee in Confederate uniform was presented to the War College, as representing one deserving of emulation.

"Resolved, That we protest against such honors to one who was a traitor to our country, the emulation of whom would be putting a premium on disloyalty.

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, and to the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy and of the War College.

"5. Whereas Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., has for the third time introduced a resolution in the Congress (H. J. Res. 125) seeking the erection of an

equestrian statute to Robert E. Lee in the Arlington National Cemetery: Be it
Resolved, That for the third time the Grand Army of the Republic protests against bestowing such an honor upon Robert E. Lee, which would be affronting loyalty and rewarding treason.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., and Jesse P. Wolcott, with our thanks to the last named for courageously opposing the passage of said resolution.

"6. Whereas Congressman Andrew Edmiston, of West Virginia, has introduced into the Congress a resolution (H. J. Res. 255) asking the appropriation of \$25,000 for the erection of a monument to Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson at Jackson's Mill, in Lewis County, West Virginia: Be it

Resolved, That we oppose any such monument to one who died in arms against the National Government.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and to Congressman Andrew Edmiston and Jesse J. Wolcott.

"7. Whereas Representative Harold K. Claypool (Ohio) has introduced into Congress a bill (House 6396) asking that the Secretary of the Interior acquire in the name of the United States the premises known as the birthplace of Gen. William T. Sherman, situated in the city of Lancaster, county of Fairfield, and State of Ohio, and to restore, reconstruct, rehabilitate, preserve, maintain, and operate such premises as a site of national historical significance for the benefit of the public: Be it

Resolved, That we heartily endorse this bill to preserve and maintain the birthplace of the loyal, gallant, and successful general, William Tecumseh Sherman, and it is ordered that copies of this resolution be sent to Representative Claypool, Senator Robert A. Taft, and to the Committee on Public Lands to which the bill is referred.

"8. Whereas it has been called to the attention of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, that there is a movement being fostered whereby the United States Government is being solicited to erect a so-called peace memorial in Andersonville Prison Park and Andersonville National Cemetery located at Andersonville, Ga.; and

"Whereas the National Woman's Relief Corps is directly interested, having acquired this property in 1896, the original grant consisting of 24 acres which was transferred to the National Woman's Relief Corps by the Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic; 64½ acres were later acquired by purchase. During the many years after its acquirement by the National Woman's Relief Corps the work of restoration proceeded, grounds were cleared, trees planted, a caretaker's cottage built and furnished, a pavilion erected over the spring.

"Willingly did the noble women of our order raise funds to transform a barren waste into a garden of blessed memory, that visitors might for all time behold a memorial to men who proved themselves the highest type of patriots; and

"Whereas, deeming it best for the future of those historic grounds, the National Woman's Relief Corps in 1908, upon recommendation of the national president, tendered them to the United States Government, and, in pursuance of an act of Congress approved March 2, 1910, the twenty-eighth national convention ordered that a bronze tablet be erected to memorialize the patriotic work of the National Woman's Relief Corps in preserving and beautifying this spot where thousands suffered martyrdom rather than forsake the Stars and Stripes, and this memorial, beautiful in form and conception, was dedicated and presented to the United States Government on May 30, 1911; and

"Whereas the National Woman's Relief Corps continues its interest in its preservation as a memorial to the 35,000 Union soldiers who were once confined there; and

"Whereas it is the only prison of the 24 that has been preserved; and

"Whereas the National Woman's Relief Corps is of the opinion that the continuance of the movement to place the so-called peace memorial in Andersonville Prison Park will only serve to arouse sectional hatred and revive the bitterness of the Civil War: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 200,000 members of the National Woman's Relief Corps most respectfully request that no action be taken regarding the placing of such monument or garden as proposed; and be it further

“Resolved, That the adjutant general be and he is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, the Director of the National Park Service, members of the Senate and House Committees on Military Affairs, and other interested persons.

“Whereas the Seventy-third National Encampment is again meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., after a lapse of 45 years: Be it

“Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to the officials of Allegheny County and the city of Pittsburgh for their wonderful hospitality, to all veterans' organizations, to the members of civic and fraternal organizations, to the police of the State, county, and city, to the Boy Scouts, to the military forces of the Nation and State, to Hon. Benjamin Lencher and Hon. Michael A. Musmanno, to the staff of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall for the kind and gracious reception given us, to the H. J. Heinz Co. for their courtesy luncheon, to the newspapers for their generous mention of encampment activities; and be it further

“Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States and to the Members of the Congress for allowing the Marine Band to attend and contribute to our entertainment, and to Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, for his presence in our meeting; and be it further

“Resolved, That we express our deep gratitude to Col. Robert G. Woodside, chairman of the general committee, and to all of his associates for their splendid entertainment, and especially do we commend them for the tender consideration and affectionate respect shown all of our comrades, all of which have contributed to make this the finest encampment held in many years.”

XIX. In accordance with resolution No. 1, the following committee is appointed:

James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.

Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.

C. H. William Ruhe, Pittsburgh, Pa.

XX. Post and department officers are again reminded that no one may serve as secretary of a post or department but a member in good standing in one of the following organizations: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such secretary does not by this appointment become an officer of the department or post, cannot hold Grand Army funds nor sign checks, and must not be installed.

XXI. Attention! In our attempt to secure legislation in behalf of those widows married since June 27, 1905, we have met with the argument that there are so many thousands that the cost of pensions for them would be beyond the ability of the Government to pay. Our secretary has been asked if it would not be possible to secure from our membership some idea of the number of widows who would be affected if the marriage date were changed to 1915 or 1920. To secure this information we are asking the aid of all our Grand Army organizations and of any other organization which may have knowledge of such cases. Our secretary has willingly offered to undertake the extra work of preparing this information to submit to the Veterans' Bureau and asks that the following information may be supplied for all widows not now eligible for pensions:

Name of widow, with address, date of birth and date of marriage; name of soldier husband, date of his death; number of pension certificate, if he draws a pension.

This information should be sent to Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, Grand Army of the Republic, 316 State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., before January 15. It is hoped, with the information obtained, that it may be possible to convince the Budget Bureau that a change in the marriage date will not run into millions of dollars, as now claimed.

XXII. The commander in chief greatly appreciates the confidence his comrades showed in him by his election in Pittsburgh and pledges to them his best endeavors in everything which may be of benefit to the organization. He asks for the loyal support of all his comrades and of the members of the auxiliary and allied orders.

XXIII. The commander in chief, adjutant general, and secretary wish for all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their coworkers much

happiness and joy during the holidays. It is their hope that the coming year may bring to our country prosperity and peace.

By command of—

JOHN E. ANDREW, *Commander in Chief.*

THOMAS AMBROSE, *Adjutant General.*

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Edwin J. Foster, elected commander in chief in Portland, Maine, in 1929, died at his home in Worcester, Mass., September 11, 1939, aged 90 years. Comrade Foster was born in Waterloo, Wis., August 14, 1849. He enlisted June 14, 1864 in Company E, Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry and was assigned with his regiment to headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., at a time when Forrest and his men were devastating that part of Tennessee. He was mustered out of the service with his regiment in September 1864.

After the war, Comrade Foster became a telegrapher, later entering the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in Chicago, retiring as its assistant general freight agent. He became a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 5, of Chicago, Ill., transferring his membership to Post No. 10 in 1917 when he moved to Worcester, Mass. He was elected department commander of Massachusetts in 1928 and commander in chief in 1929. He had served several terms as chairman of the committee on legislation. He was a member of Willie Grout Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Worcester, his father having served through the war in a Wisconsin regiment.

Comrade James E. Jewel, elected commander in chief in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1930, died at his home in Fort Morgan, Colo., November 8, 1939, aged 92 years. Comrade Jewel was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, October 19, 1847, and in 1854 his family moved to Iowa. He enlisted October 27, 1864, in Company C, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry and was discharged November 17, 1865. Soon after his enlistment he was detailed as regimental color bearer, performing his duty in such a manner as to win commendation from Gen. A. J. Smith, commander of the Sixteenth Army Corps. Later he entered Iowa University, graduating in 1877.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1878. In 1900 he settled in Fort Morgan, Colo., devoting himself to his law practice. In 1921 he was elected department commander; in 1928, senior vice commander in chief and in 1930, commander in chief. He was a constant attendant at national encampments until ill health prevented and served many times on the committee on rules and regulations, and ritual.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 3
SERIES OF 1939-40 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

316 State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., April 15, 1940.

I. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Thursday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day.

“To our Nation’s sacred dead
We consecrate this day;
And crown each sleeping warrior’s head
With blossoms of the May.”

II. Memorial Day should be a most sacred day to the people of the United States; a day on which to show to the whole world that the Nation does not forget the men who offered their lives that our Government might be preserved. Since May 30, 1868, the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic have been placing upon the graves of their comrades the flag of the country, which they served with honor, and garlands of flowers.

“So bring flowers; place them lovingly
Where the little new flags wave,
And soldiers lie peacefully
Each in his low, green grave.”

This year you are called on again to render this loving service. Although your numbers are few, you will have the willing assistance of the organizations auxiliary to and allied with the Grand Army of the Republic. Accept their help and do not pass them by to ask aid of others. In localities where there are no organizations allied with posts, aid will be gladly given by the veterans of the Spanish War and the World War.

III. As provided by the Forty-fifth National Encampment, flags shall be placed at half-mast until 12 o'clock noon, at which time all comrades shall remain standing with uncovered heads, in tribute to their departed comrades.

IV. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day order and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read at all public services on Memorial Day.

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 11 }

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well, as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander in Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and 7 years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now, we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

V. Sunday, May 26, will be observed as Memorial Sunday. It is hoped that all will plan to attend church on that day. Posts are urged to invite their allied organizations and the veterans of later wars to join in this service.

VI. Comrades will arrange to visit the schools at the time set for them and participate in the school exercises in commemoration of Memorial Day.

VII. Department chaplains are requested to send their reports immediately after Memorial Day to the chaplain in chief, Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, 1130 South Grant Street, Denver, Colo.

VIII. For some years the second Sunday in May has been dedicated to mothers. Let us, then, whose mothers knew the terrors of war and whose prayers followed us through all our war service, wear on Sunday, May 12, a white carnation in memory of the mother who sacrificed so much for us, for it has been truly said that—

“A mother’s love is indeed the golden link that binds youth to age; and he is still but a child, however time may have furrowed his cheek or silvered his brow, who can yet recall, with softened heart, the fond devotion or the gentle chidings of the best friend that God ever gives us.”

IX. Flag Day will be observed on Friday, June 14. This year the observance has a deeper significance for us because of the world-wide discordance and you are urged to attend public celebrations on that day, if possible. May it ever be said of the flag which has never known defeat:

“Amid the mighty nations’ flags it holds an honored place,
For on its folds has never been the shadow of disgrace.
And well ’tis known where’er that flag upon its mission goes,
That it is true to all its friends, a terror to all foes.
Long may it wave and long its stars and stripes in glory shine,
For where it floats there men e’er find a patriotic shrine.
It stands for strength and sympathy; it stands for truth and right,
And where it goes the eyes of men see Freedom’s sacred light.”

X. As we, who have known the horrors of war, hear of the terrible conflict in Europe, we earnestly pray that peace may come to those stricken peoples.

“With more than half the world at war;
With nations at each other’s throats;
We hope and pray that strife may cease.
May war’s great triumph be not might—
Not victory, Oh God, but peace.”

By command of—

JOHN E. ANDREW, *Commander in Chief.*

THOMAS AMBROSE, *Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 4
SERIES OF 1939-40 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
316 State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., June 24, 1940.

I. The Seventy-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Springfield, Ill., September 8-13, 1940. The National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps will be located in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

II. The Springfield Encampment Committee organized in January with Gen. Carlos E. Black as chairman; Walter H. Hagler, vice chairman; and Robert B. Irwin as secretary. Mr. Will Taylor has now been appointed business manager, G. A. R. Encampment Committee and all requests for room reservations and information should be addressed to him at Chamber of Commerce, 406½ South Fifth Street, Springfield, Ill.

III. Judge Thomas J. Noll, past department commander, Department of Iowa, has been appointed judge advocate general, vice Comrade James W. Willett, deceased. You are advised not to ask Comrade Noll for an opinion in any matter, as he can render an opinion only on matters submitted to him by the commander in chief.

IV. The commander of the Department of Illinois having appointed Comrade Milton H. Myers, of Park Ridge, Ill., a member of the National Council of Administration, vice Comrade Arthur Dawson, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

V. Department commanders and assistant adjutants general are reminded that posts or departments surrendering charters cannot give their charters or books of record to any individual or to any organization. Posts surrendering charter must send charter and all record books to the department headquarters or place them in the local library or historical society and receive therefrom a receipt in detail, which must be sent to department headquarters. Departments surrendering charter must send charters and books of record to national headquarters or place them in the State library or historical society, sending receipt thereof to national headquarters.

The national encampment has made the foregoing provisions to provide for the safekeeping of charter and record books, since the future of any organization is not any more certain than that of the posts. Information has reached us that recently in one department the department commander and assistant adjutant general authorized the transfer of a post charter and record books to one of the allied organizations. This was illegal and the commander in chief hopes that the department which did this will immediately recall the post property so placed by them, as he thinks, through ignorance of the law, and that they will notify him that this has been done, that he may not have to issue an order for the return.

VI. Department commanders are again reminded that no one can hold the funds or sign checks for post and department money, but a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Secretaries cannot hold the funds and the name of the secretary is not to be signed to department general orders.

VIII. The following comrades having complied with the necessary requirements are appointed aides de camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name	Post No.	Address	Name	Post No.	Address
Connecticut:			Iowa:		
Schofield, Loomis--	61	New Canaan.	Bray, Henry-----	(1)	Waterloo.
Smart, Thomas-----	50	Hartford.	Earnest, W. H.-----	(1)	Seymour.
Illinois:			Hawk, Michael-----	23	Sioux City.
Baldwin, Rufus T.--	41	Decatur.	Morse, H.-----	136	Wyoming.
Burke, John-----	668	Chicago.	Williams, John R.--	(1)	Mason City.
Gage, Albert E.-----	798	Do.	Missouri:		
Garner, William-----	77	Knox, Ind.	Johnson, George W.	5	Kansas City, Mo.
Hocking, Frank, Sr.	244	Fairfield.	Patterson, Newell--	21	East St. Louis, Ill.
Lewis, James H.-----	(1)	Chicago.	Ripley, Horace-----	17	Nevada, Mo.
Livingston, Wil-	67	Peoria.	Thurston, Charles	12	Kansas City.
liam M.			H.		
McCloskey, R. I.---	340	Monmouth.	Potomac: Kline, John	2	Washington,
Shumate, Hiram H.--	30	Riverton.	M.		D. C.

¹ Member at large.
By command of—
THOMAS AMBROSE,
Adjutant General.
JOHN E. ANDREW, *Commander in Chief.*

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade James W. Willett, judge advocate general, died in office May 13, 1940, aged 94 years. He was born March 8, 1846, in Keithsburg, Ill., on the Mississippi. At the opening of the Civil War he tried to enlist in three different Illinois regiments but was rejected each time because of his youth and lack of height. In the spring of 1863 he entered the merchant service on the Great Lakes at Buffalo, N. Y., and became a sailor. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted at Cleveland, Ohio, in the United States Navy and was assigned to the U. S. S. *Springfield*, Twenty-second Mississippi River Squadron, was made a boatswain's mate and given charge of the gun deck.

After the war Comrade Willett worked on the packet boats on the Mississippi River. In 1870 he went to Toledo, Iowa, decided to study law and entered the law office of a Toledo law firm. He was admitted to the bar February 1, 1872, and began practice in Tama, Iowa. In 1914 he was appointed judge of the seventeenth judicial district of Iowa (Marshall, Tama, and Benton Counties), to fill a vacancy and was elected for the regular term in 1915, serving 12 years, having no opposition at the polls in that time. He was the founder of the law firm of Willett & Willett of Tama, Iowa, and was very proud of the fact that three generations were represented in the firm, Judge Willett; his son, James H. Willett; and his grandson, Walter J. Willett.

Comrade Willett was elected department commander of Iowa in 1913 and was again elected in June 1939, holding the office at time of his death. He was appointed a member of the executive committee of the National Council of Administration in 1916 and was reappointed each year until 1922, when he was elected commander in chief. He was appointed judge advocate general in 1928 and in 1929 and in 1932 was appointed again, serving continuously since then. He had also served for 12 years as judge advocate general of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For many years he had served as chairman of the committee on resolutions at the national encampment.

Judge Willett loved his home and the people of Tama and took a great interest in civic affairs. A few years ago he gave several acres of land south of Lake Cherry to the city of Tama for a park, now known as Willett Park.

Comrade Alfred E. Stacey, past commander in chief, died March 9, 1940, aged 94 years. He was born in Elbridge, N. Y., January 20, 1846. He enlisted September 5, 1864, in Company L, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery and served until the close of the war. He was wounded twice at the Battle of Cedar Creek but later returned to his regiment and was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Comrade Stacey joined the post in Elbridge as a charter member and was its last member. He held many offices in the department and was elected department commander in 1920. He was appointed assistant adjutant general of New York Department in 1926, serving 1 year and was again appointed in 1929, serving until 1935. He was elected commander in chief in 1934.

Comrade Stacey had been honored by election for two terms to the State legislature, had been elected treasurer of Onondaga County and had served three terms as postmaster of Elbridge. He was active in all civic movements and was tendered a banquet by the citizens of Elbridge on his birthday last January. That evening he presented to them a deed for the site of the chair factory he had owned and operated for many years, the land to be used for a public park.

ALABAMA

Comrade Thomas Barr, National Council of Administration and assistant adjutant general, died in office August 20, 1939. He enlisted June 9, 1864, in Company G, First Missouri Cavalry and was discharged September 1, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1935.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade John P. Clough, elected senior vice department commander in 1938, died in January 1940, aged 94 years. He served in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He served as State senator in Idaho for 18 years and was the oldest member of the Mayflower Society.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade Richard H. Hoffman, elected department commander in 1936, died May 23, 1940, aged 93 years. He enlisted at the age of 16 in 1863 in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Indiana Infantry and was discharged in September 1865. He was wounded at Cedar Creek in 1864. Comrade Hoffman served several years as assistant adjutant general of his department and was appointed inspector general in 1937. He was the oldest member of the Elks in Colorado and a past exalted ruler.

CONNECTICUT

Comrade Lewis L. Baker, National Council of Administration, died in office May 14, 1940, aged 94 years. He was elected department commander in 1932. Comrade Baker enlisted May 22, 1862, in the United States Navy, was assigned to U. S. S. *Forest Rose* and was discharged in June 1865. For many years he had carried the naval flag in national encampment parades.

DELAWARE

Comrade Augustus A. Owens, department commander, died in office, November 5, 1939, aged 97 years. He enlisted in the Fiftieth New York Engineers, serving 18 months until the close of the war.

Comrade Jacob C. Steele, elected department commander in 1937 and reelected in 1938, died April 5, 1940, aged 95 years. He enlisted September 21, 1864, as private in Company H, Third Delaware Infantry, was transferred June 6, 1865, to Company G, First Delaware Infantry and was discharged July 12, 1865.

FLORIDA

Comrade Leonidas L. Kelly, assistant adjutant general, died in office January 10, 1940, aged 93 years. He enlisted July 12, 1863, in Company G, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery.

Comrade A. U. Cooley, senior vice department commander, died in office April 27, 1940.

IDAHO

Comrade James P. Taylor, senior vice department commander, died in office December 8, 1939, aged 92 years. He was elected department commander in 1937. Comrade Taylor served in Company G, Second Nebraska Infantry.

Comrade E. A. Paddock, elected department commander in 1934, died January 20, 1940, aged 97 years. He served in Company E, Forty-eighth Wisconsin Infantry. He received the degree of bachelor of arts from Oberlin College in 1872 and bachelor of divinity in 1876. He settled in Idaho in 1892, where he founded Weiser Academy, and later the Intermountain Institute, where any boy or girl, willing to work, could receive an education.

ILLINOIS

Comrade Arthur Dawson, National Council of Administration, and assistant adjutant general of Illinois department, died in office April 7, 1940, aged 95 years. He enlisted September 24, 1861, in Company B, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry. He served as sergeant major of the regiment and was discharged as captain September 16, 1865. He was severely wounded at Shiloh but returned to his regiment in time to make the march to the sea with Sherman. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1886, had held many offices in his post and department, and was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1933.

INDIANA

Comrade Joseph Thompson, junior vice department commander, died in office, November 26, 1939.

Comrade Edward W. McClelland, elected department commander in 1935, died December 23, 1939.

KENTUCKY

Comrade Charles L. Dudley, elected department commander in 1934, 1935, and 1936, died December 1, 1939, aged 94 years. He enlisted in 1863 in the Tenth Kentucky Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. He had served for 50 years on the school board of Flemingsburg, Ky.

MASSACHUSETTS

Comrade Hiram S. Faunce, senior vice department commander, died in office November 15, 1939, aged 92 years. He enlisted October 24, 1862, as private in Company K, Forty-seventh Massachusetts Infantry, and was discharged September 1, 1863; reenlisted October 21, 1863, in Company B, First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and was discharged June 29, 1865.

MISSOURI

Comrade John L. Pierson, assistant adjutant general, died in office January 15, 1940, aged 96 years. He enlisted as drummer boy August 2, 1862, in Company G, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, was promoted to sergeant, wounded at Vicksburg, May 22, 1863, and was discharged June 23, 1863.

NEW JERSEY

Comrade A. C. Gile, elected senior vice department commander in 1917, died November 21, 1939, aged 95 years.

Comrade William C. Smith, elected department commander in 1898, died April 7, 1940.

NEW YORK

Comrade Charles T. Peck, elected senior vice department commander in 1928, died August 12, 1939, aged 98 years. He served in Company K, First New York Dragoons.

Comrade Dwight K. Landon, elected junior vice department commander in 1936, died May 2, 1939. He served in Company D, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry.

OHIO

Comrade Solomon Zarbaugh, assistant adjutant general, died in office April 21, 1940, aged 93 years. He served in Company F, Forty-seventh Ohio Infantry, and was with Sherman on the march to the sea. He had been assistant adjutant general for 3 years and was a member of the executive committee of the National Council of Administration in 1937.

POTOMAC

Comrade Francis J. Young, elected department commander in 1930, died January 3, 1939, aged 93 years. He enlisted in the Sixty-fourth Illinois Field Artillery.

Comrade John T. Ryan, senior vice department commander, died in office May 30, 1940, aged 93 years. He served in Company I, Eleventh Maryland Infantry, and was credited with being the last survivor of the Battle of the Monocacy. Following the Civil War he served 3 years in the Sixth United States Cavalry, fighting the Indians.

WEST VIRGINIA

Comrade Thomas Carder, elected department commander in 1930, died March 10, 1940, aged 95 years. He served in Company G, Second West Virginia Cavalry, and later served under General Custer.

WISCONSIN

Comrade Henry Held, elected senior vice commander in chief in 1937 and department commander in 1933, died August 6, 1939. He served in Company I, Eightieth Ohio Infantry. He had served several times as assistant adjutant general of Wisconsin Department and was chief of staff for Commander in Chief Oley Nelson.

Comrade John W. Hart, elected department commander in 1938, died August 10, 1939. He served in Company K, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 5
SERIES OF 1939-40

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
316 State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., July 9, 1940.

"Oh! drum, wild rolling drum, let thy loud sound
Be heard in every vale, on every hill;
Oh! beat the reveille the wide world round.
Inform his comrades that his heart is still;
Yes, still in death—as in life was true.
Yes, sound, Oh drum, the soldier's last tattoo,
The last 'long roll' for him, Oh glorious drum,
Roll to the world, his hour of rest has come."

I. With great sorrow I announce the death of Commander in Chief John E. Andrew in Quincy, Ill., Sunday, June 30, 1940. He suffered a stroke in his home on Thursday morning and never regained consciousness. He had spent 10 months of his term in active service for the organization and died on duty. On his last visit to headquarters Friday, June 21, he had remarked that he did not want to rust out, but to die in the service and he had his wish.

Comrades, let us touch elbows more closely and resolve to carry on for the good of our organization until taps shall sound for us also.

II. To Mrs. Andrew, the daughter, and grandchildren I extend the sympathy of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. May solace come to them from Him who guides us all.

III. Having been installed commander in chief, I hereby assume command.

IV. National headquarters will remain in room 316 State capitol, Springfield, Ill., where all official communications to the commander in chief should be addressed.

V. All officers and committees appointed by Commander in Chief John E. Andrew are hereby reappointed and retained in office and I ask the aid and support of the officers and comrades that we may complete the work of this year satisfactorily.

By command of—

A. T. ANDERSON, *Commander in Chief.*

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 6
SERIES OF 1939-40

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
316 State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., August 5, 1940.

I. As previously announced in general orders, the seventy-fourth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Springfield, Ill., September 8 to 13, 1940.

II. Complete program of meetings and entertainment may be secured on arrival in Springfield.

III. The Springfield committee has been working diligently to make this a most successful encampment. All requests for rooms should be addressed to Mr. Will Taylor, business manager, G. A. R. national encampment committee, 406½ South Fifth Street, Springfield, Ill.

IV. No reduced rates have been granted to the national encampment. Department officers are advised to consult railroad representatives for reduced rates for groups traveling on a block ticket.

V. National headquarters will be temporarily established in the Lincoln room, lobby floor, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Thursday, September 5.

VI. Special patriotic services will be held in all churches in Springfield, Sunday morning, September 8.

VII. Sunday evening, September 8, the annual memorial service of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Illinois State Armory at 8 p. m.

VIII. The following comrades are appointed committee on credentials:

Thomas Ambrose, adjutant general, chairman.

Frank E. Cooley, assistant adjutant general, Department of New York.

Joseph B. Henninger, assistant adjutant general, Department of Indiana.

T. J. Noll, assistant adjutant general, Department of Iowa.

Byron W. Joslin, assistant adjutant general, Department of Ohio.

This committee will meet in national headquarters, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Monday, September 9, at 10 a. m.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are requested to procure at national headquarters a copy of the encampment roll, that any corrections necessary may be made before the meeting of the credentials committee.

X. The executive committee of the National Council of Administration will meet in national headquarters, Monday, September 9, at 1 p. m.

XI. The National Council of Administration will meet in national headquarters, Monday, September 9, at 2 p. m.

XII. Comrades Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.; W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.; and John W. Fogler, Skowhegan, Maine, members of the National Council of Administration, will audit the books of the quartermaster general and report to the council of administration at its meeting Monday.

XIII. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters, Monday, September 9, at 3:30 p. m.

XIV. Department commanders, or a detailed representative of each, will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters, Monday, September 9, at 4 p. m. for instructions regarding the parade.

XV. The semiofficial meeting of the national encampment will be held Monday evening, September 9, at 8 o'clock in Illinois State Armory.

XVI. Tuesday evening, September 10, at 8:30 o'clock, a reception will be tendered the commander in chief and staff in Illinois State Armory by the auxiliary and allied orders.

XVII. Wednesday, September 11, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place at 10 a. m. under the direction of national chief of staff, John W. Fogler. The route, which will be about three-fourths of a mile in length, will be announced in General Orders, No. 7.

XVIII. Department commanders are advised that women, children, and civilians (except in bands and drum corps) are prohibited from participating in the parade. Parade aides are directed to see that these orders are obeyed.

XIX. All caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln, Uncle Sam, or other characters, and floats of any sort will be excluded from the parade.

XX. No flags or standards, except the National, State, and post flags, will be allowed in the parade and all flags must fly from the staff. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed.

XXI. The first business session of the national encampment will convene in the ballroom, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Wednesday, September 11, at 2 p. m. The second session will convene Thursday, September 12, at 9 a. m.

XXII. Comrade George N. Lockwood, Department of California and Nevada, is appointed officer of the day for the national encampment.

XXIII. Wednesday, September 11, at 8 p. m. a campfire will be held in Illinois State Armory. All comrades will be seated on the stage.

XXIV. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 9 p. m., Tuesday, September 10, department nominations for national council of administration and committee on resolutions.

XXV. Friday morning, September 13, the encampment committee has arranged to take all who desire to go, on a trip to New Salem Park.

XXVI. The national headquarters of the Auxiliary and allied orders will be located in Springfield as follows:

Hotel Abraham Lincoln: Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps.

Hotel Leland: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Hotel St. Nicholas: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XXVII. The following comrades are appointed to prepare resolutions:

On the death of Commander in Chief John E. Andrew: Robert M. Rownd, New York, chairman; A. C. Estabrook, Michigan; Thomas Ambrose, Illinois.

On the death of Judge Advocate General and Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett: Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada, chairman; J. W. Carroll, North Dakota; Thomas J. Noll, Iowa.

On the death of Past Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster: Overton H. Mennet, California and Nevada, chairman; George A. Gay, Massachusetts; Truman N. Parsons, Connecticut.

On the death of James E. Jewel: C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania, chairman; Edward H. Cowan, Indiana; Joshua C. Pearce, Colorado and Wyoming.

On the death of Alfred E. Stacey: Robert M. Rownd, New York, chairman; Rustan O. Reed, Washington and Alaska; M. H. Davidson, Kentucky.

XXVIII. Comrade Robert M. Rownd is appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions.

XXIX. The following comrades are appointed committee on rules and regulations, and ritual: C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania; Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada; A. C. Estabrook, Michigan; Frederick Pfister, Ohio; C. H. Perry, Minnesota.

XXX. The following committees on greetings are appointed:

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Russell C. Martin, Pennsylvania, chairman.
C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania.
Overton H. Mennet, California and Nevada.
Robert M. Rownd, New York.
J. W. Carroll, North Dakota.
Albert G. Jones, Idaho.
C. J. Rose, Florida.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Rustan O. Reed, Washington and Alaska, chairman.
Dr. R. B. Tyler, Missouri.
T. A. Penland, Oregon.
A. T. McMurray, West Virginia.
Levi Van Voorhis, South Dakota.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

J. S. Dumser, California and Nevada, chairman.
Thomas Ridenour, Ohio.
John Shearer, Texas.
J. S. Davisson, Nebraska.
J. M. Bryant, Arkansas.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

George N. Lockwood, California and Nevada, chairman.
Frank E. Amadon, New Hampshire.
William H. McCoy, New Jersey.
Ira Stormes, Utah.
G. I. Gordon, Oklahoma.

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Joseph B. Henninger, Indiana, chairman.
John W. Palmer, Maine.
H. C. Shumate, Illinois.
B. Regli, Wisconsin.
Charles A. Heyer, Vermont.

XXXI. To prevent a misunderstanding as to the membership of the national council of administration, you are advised that past national officers are not members of the national council of administration by virtue of having held a national office. The national council of administration consists of commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, junior vice commander in chief, surgeon general, chaplain in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, judge advocate general, inspector general, national patriotic instructor, and one comrade chosen by each department to represent it on the national council.

XXXII. As we go to press, we have received word of the passing of Gen. Carlos E. Black, chairman of the national encampment committee. We extend to the family of General Black and to the members of the encampment committee the sincere sympathy of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Walter H. Hagler, vice chairman, now becomes chairman of the committee.

XXXIII. You are reminded that Springfield, Ill., operates on central daylight-saving time, which means that your time of arrival in Springfield will be 1 hour later than noted on the timetables.

By command of—

A. T. ANDERSON, *Commander in Chief.*

THOMAS AMBROSE,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade John E. Andrew, commander in chief, died in office June 30, 1940, aged 91 years. His grandparents, who were Quakers, had left North Carolina because of their aversion to slavery and settled in Wilmington, Ohio. Comrade Andrew was born in Westboro, Ohio, June 6, 1849, 5 months after the death of his father. Like all boys of that time, he worked on the farm and for the neighbors to help his mother. He enlisted February 22, 1864, as private in Company C, Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in the thigh at Peach Tree Creek in front of Atlanta, Ga., July 20, 1864, this wound making him lame for the rest of his life. He rejoined his regiment November 1, 1864; was in the March to the Sea through the Carolinas, engaging in the Battles of Averysboro and Bentonville in March 1865; was present at the surrender of Johnson, April 26, 1865; in the Grand Review May 24, 1865, in Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, July 22, 1865.

Comrade Andrew joined Henry Saint Post, Grand Army of the Republic in Monticello, Ill., in 1882; held all the offices of the post and transferred to the post in Quincy, in 1913. He was elected department commander in 1926, junior vice commander in chief in 1934 and was again elected department commander in 1937, 1938, and 1939. He was appointed quartermaster general in 1938 and was elected commander in chief last August in Pittsburgh.

In 1882 he was elected sheriff of Piatt County and served one term and later served three terms as Mayor of Monticello, Ill. In 1913 he was appointed commandant of the State Soldiers Home in Quincy and held that position for 8 years.

Commander Andrew was of a sympathetic nature, always a courteous gentleman, a great student of history and a most interesting talker. He was deeply interested in the work of the Auxiliary and allied orders and ever ready to advise them when he was asked for help.

MAINE

Comrade Charles H. George, elected junior vice department commander in 1930, died June 28, 1940, aged 105 years. He served as corporal in Company E, Sixteenth Maine Infantry.

MICHIGAN

Comrade John F. Beaumont, elected senior vice department commander, 1937, died April 7, 1940.

Comrade Ira M. Stewart, elected department commander in 1935, and re-elected in 1936, died July 4, 1940, aged 93 years. He served as private in Company K, Seventh Illinois Cavalry.

NEW JERSEY

Comrade William H. Bilbee, elected department commander in 1932, and re-elected in 1933 and 1934, died June 11, 1940.

OREGON

Comrade Joseph W. Ridge, assistant adjutant general, died in office May 21, 1940, aged 94 years. He was elected department commander in 1935. He enlisted in July 1864 in Company E, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, serving until the close of the war.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Comrade E. L. Hurlbut, elected department commander in 1920 and again in 1930 and 1931, died April 22, 1940, aged 91 years. He enlisted May 24, 1864, in Company A, Forty-eighth Iowa Infantry and was discharged October 18, 1864. He reenlisted December 16, 1864, in Company I, Thirty-second Iowa Infantry; August 25, 1865, he was transferred to Company B, Eighth Iowa Infantry and was discharged December 20, 1865.

WISCONSIN

Comrade Charles F. Moulton, elected department commander in 1936, died February 5, 1940. He enlisted May 16, 1864, as a musician in Company K, Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry and was discharged September 16, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 7 }
SERIES 1939-40 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
316 Capitol Building, Springfield, Ill., September 7, 1940.

I. As previously announced in General Orders No. 6, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place in Springfield, Ill., Wednesday, September 11, 1940, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in column of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distance between departments will be 60 feet.

III. Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic, uniformed escort Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and musicians will assemble on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue facing north, promptly at 9 a. m., and will move at 10 a. m., sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported to the commander in chief at 9:45 a. m., by Comrade John W. Fogler, chief of staff.

V. A preparatory signal will be given at 9:30 a. m. The signal to start will be given at 10 a. m.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed designating the place of formation of each department.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue with their respective departments to the point of dismissal of the column.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will not be dipped. Officers with side arms will give the officers' salute with sword. Officers without sidearms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute, but will look toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands will play the entire length of the grandstands.

X. The march will be in common time; the cadence 90 steps to the minute. Bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand on the east side of the courthouse.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present in Springfield will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he is in uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will try to appear in the regulation uniform of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians (except bands and drum corps) will be prohibited from participating in the parade and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments. Should any disobey these instructions and enter the parade along the line of march, officers are directed to take them out of line.

XIV. No flags or standards except the National and State flags and standards will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln or Uncle Sam or other characters, and undignified exhibitions of any kind will be excluded from the parade. Floats of any sort are prohibited.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief will ride in autos at the head of the column. Autos and wheel chairs will not be allowed in the parade in or between departments. Autos will be furnished for comrades who

are unable to march, and these autos will be found on Capitol Avenue at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

XVII. When the column reaches the reviewing stand the commander in chief, national officers, and past commanders in chief will leave the parade and take their places on the stand.

XVIII. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff, John W. Fogler, at the national headquarters, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, at 9 a. m. for assignment to autos.

XIX. Department commanders or a detailed representative will report to Chief of Staff John W. Fogler, at national headquarters, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Monday, September 9, at 4 p. m., for instructions regarding the parade.

XX. The line of march will be over asphalt streets as follows:

Starting at Fourth Street and Capitol Avenue; east on Capitol Avenue to Fifth Street; north on Fifth Street to Washington Street; east on Washington Street to Sixth Street; South on Sixth Street to Adams Street; west on Adams Street, where the Grand Army of the Republic will disband.

XXI. The line of march will form as follows:

Police escort, State and city, on motorcycles.

Grand marshal, John M. Tipton, colonel, Inactive Reserve.

Assistants, Oscar Carlstrom, past commander in chief, United Spanish War Veterans; Edward Hayes, past commander in chief, American Legion.

Aides Samuel M. Wright and Charles N. Neal, past department commanders, United Spanish War Veterans; Hon. John W. Kapp, Jr., Mayor of Springfield.

Liaison Officer, Harvey Flock, Senior Vice Commander, Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans, with the Sons of Union Veterans.

United States Marine Band, Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader.

Chief of Staff John W. Fogler, Grand Army of the Republic.

Official escort, uniformed Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, commander in chief.

National Association, Civil War Musicians.

Commander in chief A. T. Anderson, national officers, executive committee, and past commanders in chief in autos.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic who will march will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, as indicated by Department standards and will march in order of seniority as follows:

2. Department of Wisconsin.
3. Department of Pennsylvania.
4. Department of Ohio.
5. Department of New York.
6. Department of Connecticut.
7. Department of Massachusetts.
8. Department of New Jersey.
9. Department of Maine.
10. Department of California and Nevada.
11. Department of Rhode Island.
12. Department of New Hampshire.
13. Department of Vermont.
14. Department of Potomac.
15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina.
16. Department of Maryland.
17. Department of Nebraska.
18. Department of Michigan.
19. Department of Iowa.
20. Department of Indiana.
21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.
22. Department of Kansas.
23. Department of Delaware.
24. Department of Minnesota.
25. Department of Missouri.
26. Department of Oregon.
27. Department of Kentucky.
28. Department of West Virginia.
29. Department of South Dakota.
30. Department of Washington and Alaska.
31. Department of Arkansas.

- 33. Department of Utah.
- 36. Department of Florida.
- 38. Department of Texas.
- 39. Department of Idaho.
- 42. Department of Alabama.
- 43. Department of North Dakota.
- 44. Department of Oklahoma.
- 1. Department of Illinois.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic in automobiles.

Disabled veterans in automobiles will form on Jackson Street west of Fourth, facing east.

By command of—

A. T. ANDERSON,
Commander in chief.

THOMAS AMBROSE,
Adjutant General.

The military parade will follow 15 minutes after the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic and will form as follows:

MILITARY PARADE

First division:

Major Mark Plaisted, Twenty-third Reconnaissance Squadron.

Springfield Municipal Band.

Units, Illinois National Guard:

Company C, One Hundred and Thirtieth Infantry, Springfield.

Troop A, Twenty-third Reconnaissance Squadron, Springfield.

Troop B, Twenty-third Reconnaissance Squadron, Springfield.

Veterans' Band, State Hospital, Jacksonville (tentative).

Mechanized Artillery, to be designated by Gen. L. V. Regan, Adjutant General.

Second division: Federation of War Veterans' societies, J. P. Dunn, marshal:

Springfield Municipal Band (colored).

Fife and Drum Corps, Lincoln Home Camp No. 64, United Spanish War Veterans.

Lincoln Home Camp No. 64, United Spanish War Veterans.

Robert Blakeman Camp, United Spanish War Veterans.

LaFore Lock Drum and Bugle Corps, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

LaFore Lock, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Springfield Post No. 32, American Legion.

Otis B. Duncan Post, American Legion.

Sons of Union Veterans, not otherwise placed.

Sons of United Spanish War Veterans.

Sons of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sons of American Legion.

Navy Club.

In Memoriam





JOHN E. ANDREW
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
(DIED IN OFFICE)



JAMES W. WILLETT
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
(DIED IN OFFICE)



M. H. DAVIDSON
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
(DIED IN OFFICE)



EDWIN J. FOSTER
PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF



JAMES E. JEWEL
PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF



ALFRED E. STACEY
PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF

In Memoriam

JOHN E. ANDREW

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Comrade John E. Andrew, commander in chief, died in office June 30, 1940, aged 91 years. His grandparents, who were Quakers, had left North Carolina because of their aversion to slavery and settled in Wilmington, Ohio. Comrade Andrew was born in West-boro, Ohio, June 6, 1849, 5 months after the death of his father. Like all boys of that time, he worked on the farm and for the neighbors to help his mother. He enlisted February 22, 1864, as private in Company C, Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in the thigh at Peach Tree Creek in front of Atlanta, Ga., July 20, 1864, this wound making him lame for the rest of his life. He rejoined his regiment November 1, 1864; was in the march to the sea through the Carolinas, engaging in the Battles of Averysboro and Bentonville in March 1865; was present at the surrender of Johnson, April 26, 1865; in the grand review May 24, 1865, in Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, July 22, 1865.

Comrade Andrew joined Henry Saint Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in Monticello, Ill., in 1882; held all the offices of the post and transferred to the post in Quincy in 1913. He was elected department commander in 1926, junior vice commander in chief in 1934, and was again elected department commander in 1937, 1938, and 1939. He was appointed quartermaster general in 1938 and was elected commander in chief last August in Pittsburgh.

In 1882 he was elected sheriff of Piatt County and served one term and later served three terms as mayor of Monticello, Ill. In 1913 he was appointed commandant of the State Soldiers Home in Quincy and held that position for 8 years.

Commander Andrew was of a sympathetic nature, always a courteous gentleman, a great student of history, and a most interesting talker. He was deeply interested in the work of the Auxiliary and allied orders and ever ready to advise them when he was asked for help.

R. M. ROWND,
THOMAS AMBROSE,
A. C. ESTABROOK.

In Memoriam

JAMES W. WILLETT

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

Comrade James W. Willett, judge advocate general, died in office May 13, 1940, aged 94 years. He was born March 8, 1846, in Keithsburg, Ill., on the Mississippi. At the opening of the Civil War he tried to enlist in three different Illinois regiments but was rejected each time because of his youth and lack of height. In the spring of 1863 he entered the merchant service on the Great Lakes at Buffalo, N. Y., and became a sailor. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted at Cleveland, Ohio, in the United States Navy and was assigned to the U. S. S. *Springfield*, Twenty-second Mississippi River Squadron, was made a boatswain's mate and given charge of the gun deck.

After the war Comrade Willett worked on the packet boats on the Mississippi River. In 1870 he went to Toledo, Iowa, decided to study law and entered the law office of a Toledo law firm. He was admitted to the bar February 1, 1872, and began practice in Tama, Iowa. In 1914 he was appointed judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Iowa (Marshall, Tama, and Benton Counties), to fill a vacancy and was elected for the regular term in 1915, serving 12 years, having no opposition at the polls in that time. He was the founder of the law firm of Willett & Willett, of Tama, Iowa, and was very proud of the fact that three generations were represented in the firm, Judge Willett, his son, James H. Willett, and his grandson, Walter J. Willett.

Comrade Willett was elected department commander of Iowa in 1913 and was again elected in June 1939, holding the office at time of his death. He was appointed a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration in 1916 and was reappointed each year until 1922, when he was elected commander in chief. He was appointed judge advocate general in 1928 and in 1929 and in 1932 was appointed again, serving continuously since then. He had also served for 12 years as judge advocate general of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For many years he had served as chairman of the committee on resolutions at the national encampment.

Judge Willett loved his home and the people of Tama and took a great interest in civic affairs. A few years ago he gave several acres of land south of Lake Cherry to the city of Tama for a park, now known as Willett Park.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

J. W. CARROLL,

T. J. NOLL.

In Memoriam

MORDECAI H. DAVIDSON

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Comrade Mordecai H. Davidson, quartermaster general, died in office, September 6, 1940, aged 93 years. He was born near Port Washington, Ohio, November 30, 1846, and his family moved to Indiana when he was a child. He enlisted at Hulburt Bluff, Ind., August 14, 1862, as private in Company A, Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, and was discharged June 22, 1865. He served in the Army of the Cumberland and participated in all the battles in which it was engaged.

Comrade Davidson settled in Louisville, Ky., in 1867 and when the Grand Army of the Republic was formed in Kentucky in 1883 he became a member of Post No. 6 in Louisville, serving as commander and adjutant. He was elected department commander in 1920, served as assistant adjutant and assistant quartermaster general of the Department of Kentucky for 12 years, was appointed inspector general by Commander in Chief Alfred E. Stacey in 1934, and when Quartermaster General John E. Andrew was elected commander in chief in Pittsburgh in 1939, he appointed Comrade Davidson as quartermaster general.

Comrade Davidson had been in the jewelry business in Louisville for many years, retiring a short time before his death. He was a gentleman of the old school and had endeared himself not only to the members of the organizations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, but also to the veterans of the Spanish and World Wars. Our sympathy is extended to his family and to the Department of Kentucky, which has lost its most active member.

In Memoriam

EDWIN J. FOSTER

Comrade Edwin J. Foster, elected commander in chief in Portland, Maine, in 1929, died at his home in Worcester, Mass., September 11, 1939, aged 90 years. Comrade Foster was born in Waterloo, Wis., August 14, 1849. He enlisted June 14, 1864, in Company E, Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry, and was assigned with his regiment to headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., at a time when Forrest and his men were devastating that part of Tennessee. He was mustered out of the service with his regiment in September 1864.

After the war Comrade Foster became a telegrapher, later entering the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in Chicago, retiring as its assistant general freight agent. He became a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 5, of Chicago, Ill., transferring his membership to Post No. 10 in 1917 when he moved to Worcester, Mass. He was elected department commander of Massachusetts in 1928 and commander in chief in 1929. He had served several terms as chairman of the committee on legislation. He was a member of Willie Grout Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Worcester, his father having served through the war in a Wisconsin Regiment.

O. H. MENNET.

GEORGE A. GAY.

TRUMAN N. PARSONS.

In Memoriam

JAMES E. JEWEL

James E. Jewel was born in Germantown, Ohio, October 19, 1847, and died at his home in Fort Morgan, Colo., November 8, 1939, aged 92 years.

He migrated with his parents to Iowa in 1854, receiving his early education in the rural schools.

Mr. Jewel enlisted with the Union Army in Company C, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, October 27, 1864, just past 17 years old. He served as color guard all the time he was in the Army, and was honorably discharged November 17, 1865.

Mr. Jewel entered the University of Iowa to obtain his law degree, graduating in 1877, and practiced law at Independence, Iowa, until 1901, when he came to Colorado, and was interested in farming and stock raising in addition to his law practice.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1878, serving in many offices with credit to himself and to the organization. In 1921 Mr. Jewel was elected department commander of Colorado and Wyoming. He served as senior vice commander in chief in 1928 and commander in chief in 1930. A loyal soldier of the Union cause, a Christian gentleman, a loving husband and father, he was broad in his thinking and built his own creed which contained the things that were essential and vital.

A natural leader, his counsel was always listened to with respect by his associations.

On March 6, 1871, Mr. Jewel was united in marriage to Mahala E. Rozell. Four children were born, all of whom, with their mother, had preceded him in death. On November 30, 1919, Mr. Jewel was united in marriage to Mary S. Jewel, who with 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren remain to mourn and cherish his memory.

Burial took place in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

E. H. COWAN,
JOSHUA C. PEARCE,
Committee.

In Memoriam

ALFRED E. STACEY

PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Comrade Alfred E. Stacey died March 9, 1940, aged 94 years. He was born in Elbridge, N. Y., January 20, 1846. He enlisted September 5, 1864, in Company L, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war. He was wounded twice at the Battle of Cedar Creek, but later returned to his regiment and was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Comrade Stacey joined the post in Elbridge as a charter member and was its last member. He held many offices in the department and was elected department commander in 1920. He was appointed assistant adjutant general of New York Department in 1926, serving 1 year, and was again appointed in 1929, serving until 1935. He was elected commander in chief in 1934.

Comrade Stacey had been honored by election for two terms to the State legislature, had been elected treasurer of Onondaga County, and had served three terms as postmaster of Elbridge. He was active in all civic movements and was tendered a banquet by the citizens of Elbridge on his birthday last January. That evening he presented to them a deed for the site of the chair factory he had owned and operated for many years, the land to be used for a public park.

R. M. ROWND.

R. O. REED.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

COMRADE THOMAS BARR

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1935

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 20, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

COMRADE JOHN P. CLOUGH

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1938

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 1940

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

COMRADE RICHARD H. HOFFMAN

INSPECTOR GENERAL, 1937

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT MAY 23, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

COMRADE HENRY W. BURRILL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 17, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT—Continued

COMRADE IRA R. WILDMAN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1924

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 31, 1939

COMRADE HENRY M. LANKTON

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 5, 1939

COMRADE LEWIS L. BAKER

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932

MUSTERED OUT MAY 14, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE

COMRADE RICHARD P. BUCKINGHAM

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1888; 1926

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 11, 1939

COMRADE AUGUSTUS A. OWENS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 5, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE—Continued

COMRADE JACOB C. STEELE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937; 1938

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 5, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

COMRADE CHARLES W. ELDRIDGE

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 17, 1937

COMRADE IRWIN HUTCHINSON

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 8, 1938

COMRADE MYRON W. STRONG

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 23, 1938

COMRADE JAMES CAMPBELL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1924

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 16, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA—Continued

COMRADE CHARLES SEEBER

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT MAY 6, 1939

COMRADE LEONIDAS L. KELLY

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 10, 1940

COMRADE A. U. COOLEY

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 27, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

COMRADE JEREMIAH WILLIAMS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT MAY 26, 1939

COMRADE JAMES P. TAYLOR

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 8, 1939

COMRADE E. A. PADDOCK

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 20, 1940

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO—Continued

COMRADE ELISHA WHITE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 7, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

COMRADE JOSEPH W. FIFER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1918

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 6, 1938

COMRADE FRANK W. LORD

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 28, 1938

COMRADE FRANCIS B. KEMP

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 1, 1938

COMRADE M. K. BIRCH

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 25, 1938

COMRADE WILLIAM N. HODGE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934, 1936

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 21, 1937

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS—Continued

COMRADE ARTHUR DAWSON

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1933

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 7, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

COMRADE JOSEPH THOMPSON

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 26, 1939

COMRADE EDWARD W. McCLELLAND

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 23, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

COMRADE WILLIAM ALLRED

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 4, 1939

COMRADE JONATHAN C. HANES

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 20, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

COMRADE ROBERT T. SMITH

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1930-38

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 8, 1938

COMRADE RICHARD TELLER

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 22, 1938

COMRADE JOHN T. THOMPSON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1929

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 22, 1939

COMRADE CHARLES L. DUDLEY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934-1936

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 1, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI

COMRADE WILLIAM ROCHESTER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1929-38

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 22, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

COMRADE JOSEPH W. LAKE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT JULY 2, 1939

COMRADE CHARLES H. GEORGE

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1930

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 28, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

COMRADE JULIUS ROSENTHAL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936–38

MUSTERED OUT JULY 4, 1940

COMRADE JOHN LIDDELL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT MAY 6, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMRADE JOSEPH F. STODDARD

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1938

MUSTERED OUT MAY 9, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS—Continued

COMRADE HIRAM S. FAUNCE

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 15, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

COMRADE GILBERT LA CROIX

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 24, 1939

COMRADE JOHN F. BEAUMONT

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 7, 1940

COMRADE IRA M. STEWART

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935-36

MUSTERED OUT JULY 4, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

COMRADE T. L. HAECKER

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 12, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA—Continued

COMRADE WILLIAM W. HOLCOMB

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 12, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

COMRADE WILLIAM S. SHEPHERD

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 11, 1938

COMRADE A. J. P. BARNES

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1921 ; 1938

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 7, 1939

COMRADE JOHN L. PIERSON

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 15, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

COMRADE THOMAS J. BENDER

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1919

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 2, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA—Continued

COMRADE DAVID BRYSON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1927

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 29, 1939

COMRADE CHARLES F. KINNEY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 28, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

COMRADE WILLIAM K. STORMS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 5, 1939

COMRADE LEONARD L. RORAY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1925

MUSTERED OUT MAY 13, 1939

COMRADE WILLIAM H. BILBEE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932-34

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 11, 1940

COMRADE A. C. GILE

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1917

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 21, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY—Continued

COMRADE WILLIAM C. SMITH

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1898

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 7, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

COMRADE JOSEPH BAUER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 13, 1938

COMRADE GEORGE C. ELDREDGE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 26, 1939

COMRADE DUNCAN McMILLAN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1925

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 27, 1939

COMRADE CHARLES T. PECK

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1928

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 12, 1939

COMRADE DWIGHT K. LANDON

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT MAY 2, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

COMRADE J. T. ROMIG

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 24, 1939

COMRADE M. O. MESSER

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1924

MUSTERED OUT 1938

COMRADE FRANCIS S. LAYTON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 13, 1939

COMRADE J. KING GIBSON

CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF, 1927-1929; 1932-1936

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 9, 1939

COMRADE CHARLES McDARGH

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 16, 1939

COMRADE SOL ZARBAUGH

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 21, 1940

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

COMRADE JOSEPH W. RIDGE

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT MAY 21, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMRADE SAMUEL FOWLER

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, 1937, 1938

MUSTERED OUT MAY 2, 1939

COMRADE JOHN SPEER

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 1939

COMRADE GEORGE I. RUDOLPH

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1928

MUSTERED OUT, JULY 15, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC

COMRADE FRANCIS J. YOUNG

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1938

MUSTERED OUT, JANUARY 30, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC—Continued

COMRADE JOHN T. RYAN

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT MAY 30, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COMRADE W. H. CORNELL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1925

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER, 1938

COMRADE FRANCIS BURKE O'BRIEN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 7, 1939

COMRADE E. L. HURLBUT

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1920 ; 1930 ; 1931

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 22, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

COMRADE GUST ANDERSON

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT MAY 25, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH—Continued

COMRADE ROBERT L. ROHM

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT MAY 5, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

COMRADE WINTHROP T. REED

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 5, 1938

COMRADE HARVEY S. POWERS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934–1939

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 7, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

COMRADE S. R. HANEN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1917

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 21, 1939

COMRADE L. D. ULLOM

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 29, 1939

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA—Continued

COMRADE THOMAS CARDER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1930

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 10, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

COMRADE WILLIAM H. CHESBROUGH

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 17, 1939

COMRADE THADDEUS SHEERIN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 8, 1939

COMRADE CHARLES F. MOULTON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 5, 1940

COMRADE HENRY HELD

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1937

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1933

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 6, 1939

COMRADE JOHN W. HART

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1938

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 10, 1939

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.,
APRIL 6, 1866

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois
First commander in chief

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBUT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established in Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOEBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. ² MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
JUNE 26, 27, 1877**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgcon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgcon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgcon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. F. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WHELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.

TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVERT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3-4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y., AUGUST 25-27, 1897

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BURNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio. DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN MCELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established in Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri. OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEAL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

³ Died in office.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

**FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 24, 25, 1911**

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912**

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine.
	{ A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan.
	W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,853.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

⁴ Resigned.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 140,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. D.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

³ Died in office.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio.
Membership, 110,357

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ³ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

³ Died in office.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CRAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Spring, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS D. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM P. MCKINLEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, ³ Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926**

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ROBERT H. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ CHARLES H. HENRY, ⁴ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ³ Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HANNAFORD, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

**SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927**

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WM. H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

³ Died in office.

SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928

Headquarters were established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ THOMAS J. SMITH, ⁴ McCook, Nebr. MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Newton, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
AUGUST 24-28, 1930

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ DAVID N. HEIZER, ⁴ Colorado Springs, Colo. ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ COLA D. R. STOWITS, ³ Buffalo, N. Y. EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.

³ Died in office.
⁴ Resigned.

SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1931

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WASHINGTON F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA R. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.

SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 18-24, 1932

Headquarters established at Chicago, Ill. Membership, 13,066.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in Chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, ³ Chicago, Ill. RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif. CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala. ARTHUR DAWSON, Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Waukegan, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	EMMET F. TAGGART, Akron, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN., SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1933

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 10,138.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ THOMAS H. PEACOCK, ³ Minneapolis, Minn. EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DARWIN B. WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	T. M. KELLOGG, Portland, Oreg.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 12-18, 1934**

Headquarters established at Syracuse, N. Y. Membership, 7,807.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED E. STACEY, Elbridge, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARDING I. MERRILL, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfords- ville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Jackson, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ HENRY B. DAVIDSON, ³ Springfield, Ill. C. PERRY LOMAX, ³ Lincoln, Nebr.

**SIXTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1935**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 6,244.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.

**SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1936**

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 4,391.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY F. RUSSELL, Alliance, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio
<i>Adjutant General</i> -----	{ JOHN LITTLE, ³ Pittsburgh, Pa. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	{ SAMUEL P. TOWN, ³ Philadelphia, Pa. SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MADISON, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1937

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 3,325.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY HELD, West Allis, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	R. H. HOFFMAN, Denver, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.

SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938

Headquarters established at Ripley, N. Y. Membership, 2,443.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK L. QUADE, Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	{ Dr. A. B. GARRETT, ² Gallipolis, Ohio. Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ MARTIN V. STONE, ² Jamestown, N. Y. JOSIAH C. READ, ² New York, N. Y. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, ² Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	TRUMAN N. PARSONS, Stratford, Conn.

SEVENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 1,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN E. ANDREW, ² Quincy, Ill. A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa. W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans. WILLIAM H. MCCOY, Trenton, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill. .
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, ² Louisville, Ky.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	{ JAMES W. WILLETT, ² Tama, Iowa. T. J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	O. S. PIERCE, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Dr. JOHN H. STONE, Kokomo, Ind.

² Died in office.

SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1940

Headquarters established at Topeka, Kans. Membership, 1,039.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	T. J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOSEPH B. HENNINGER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ASA O. GERE, Stafford, Kans.

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